**Thursday, June 29, 2023**

**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Shana N. Coshal, M.D. and Koenraad J. Mortele, M.D.

In a Consent Order, Dr. Shana N. Coshal agreed to the indefinite suspension of her license to practice medicine after she admitted that she engaged in conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession when she hugged, kissed and held hands with an inmate Dr. Coshal met when the inmate was a member of a group she co-led while a contract employee of the Suffolk County Department of Corrections. The suspension was immediately stayed upon Dr. Coshal’s entry into a Probation Agreement and in recognition of her completion of recommended assessments, programs and coaching. The Probation Agreement includes worksite monitoring of Dr. Coshal by a Board approved physician. Dr. Coshal was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts on May 10, 2018. She entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board on October 2, 2019. Dr. Coshal is also licensed to practice medicine in Texas.

The Board accepted Dr. Koenraad J. Mortele’s resignation of his right to renew his medical license. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine**.** Dr. Mortele, a radiologist, was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts on February 2, 2005. Prior to entering a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice on February 6, 2020, Dr. Mortele practiced medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 40,000 physicians, osteopaths and acupuncturists. The Board was created in 1894 to protect the public health and safety by setting standards for the practice of medicine and ensuring that doctors who practice in the Commonwealth are appropriately qualified and competent. The Board investigates complaints and determines sanctions. More information is available at www.mass.gov/massmedboard, or you may contact the Board at borimmediamassmail.state.ma.us.