**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on November 7, 2019, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Joseph Knight, M.D., William Blake Rodgers, M.D., Zunair Zi, M.D., and Jessica Knapp, D.O.

In a Final Decision & Order, the Board revoked Dr. Joseph Knight’s right to renew his medical license after it found that he had been disciplined by the Oklahoma Board for substandard care, practiced medicine while impaired, and failed to report to the Massachusetts Board discipline against him and the surrender of his DEA registration. Dr. Knight was licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth from March 2012 until September 2016 when he entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board.

The Board also fined Dr. Jessica Knapp $2,500 after it found, in another Final Decision & Order, that she had failed to respond to both the Board and the Division of Administrative Law Appeals on multiple occasions. Dr. Knapp was first licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth in 2014. She currently practices medicine in North Carolina.

After accepting Dr. Zunair Zi’s assurance that he will not engage in any unprofessional behavior, Dr. Zi entered into a probation agreement with the Board. Dr. Zi was initially granted a Limited License in 2013.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Dr. William Blake Rodgers right to renew his license to practice medicine. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine. Dr. Rodgers was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from 1992 to 2009.

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 borimmedia@massmail.state.ma.us.