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**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine recently took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Chantal F. Nouvellon, D.O., Robert A. Martin, M.D., Michael W. Marcus, M.D., and Edward M. Hallowell, M.D.

The Board summarily suspended Dr. Chantal F. Nouvellon’s medical license after finding that she poses an immediate and serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare. The Board alleges that Dr. Nouvellon has been charged with Assault and Battery, Assault and Battery on an Elder/Disabled Person and Resisting Arrest in an incident involving an elderly family member. The Board also alleges that in an event with a neighbor a few days later, Dr. Nouvellon was arrested on two counts of Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault and Battery on A Police Officer, Vandalizing Property, Resisting Arrest and two counts of Violation of A Harassment Prevention Order. Dr. Nouvellon has the right to a hearing at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days. Dr. Nouvellon, a board-certified psychiatrist, was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts on August 27, 1997. Until the summary suspension of her license, Dr. Nouvelles practiced psychiatry in a private office in Waltham. She is also licensed to practice medicine in New Hampshire. Dr. Nouvellon has been previously disciplined by the Board on two occasions.

The Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Robert A. Martin’s license to practice medicine after he acknowledged in a Consent Order that he had engaged in disruptive behavior in his administrative office. His actions were observed through the large windows in this office and upset staff in a medical office across the street. The suspension of Dr. Martin’s license was immediately stayed upon demonstrating his fitness to practice medicine and entry into a Probation Agreement which requires, among other provisions, entry into and compliance with Physician Health Services Behavioral Health monitoring contract, a board-approved workplace monitor, ongoing treatment and successful completion of the Acumen Institute’s Longitudinal Treatment program. Dr. Martin, a board-certified neurologist, has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since June 10, 2021. Prior to his entering a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board on December 21, 2023, Dr. Martin practiced medicine at Baystate Medical Practice in Springfield.

In a Consent Order, the Board reprimanded Dr. Michael W. Marcus’s medical license after he agreed that he failed to check the prescription monitoring program database when he issued eleven separate benzodiazepine prescriptions to one patient over the course of three and a half months. Dr. Marcus is board certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Medical Specialties, with sub-specialty certification in child and adolescent psychiatry. He has been licensed in the Commonwealth since November 13, 1969. Dr. Marcus is also licensed to practice medicine in California and New Hampshire. He currently practices medicine at a private practice in Boston.

The Board admonished the medical license of Dr. Edward M. Hallowell after he admitted in a Consent Order that he directed two sexually inappropriate comments towards a patient and his partner. These comments were unrelated to treatment and shocked and offended the patient and his partner. Dr. Hallowell, a board-certified psychiatrist, has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since July 5, 1979. Dr. Hallowell practices medicine in a private office in Sudbury. He is also licensed to practice medicine in California and New York.

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 Bridgette Sanders at (781) 876-8202.