

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

MIDDLESEX, ss.

Adjudicatory Case No. 2023-004

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In the Matter of  
Neji Tangban, M.D.  
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**PROBATION AGREEMENT**

**I. COMPLIANCE WITH AGREEMENT**

The Respondent agrees that violation of this Probation Agreement (“this Agreement”), including such provisions which survive this Agreement, shall constitute sufficient grounds for the immediate suspension of the Respondent’s license to practice medicine, or any such lesser sanction as the Board may deem fit to impose, without prior notice to the Respondent. The Respondent hereby waives any claim or defense to any subsequent action by the Board to suspend the Respondent’s license or impose such other lesser sanction, for any such violation or violations of this Agreement, except that the Respondent shall be entitled to defend against the assertion of a violation of this Agreement. The Respondent acknowledges and agrees that by entering into this Agreement, the Respondent is relinquishing important procedural and substantive rights.

**II. PARTIES**

The parties to this Agreement are the Board of Registration in Medicine (“the Board”) and, Neji Tangban, M.D. (“the Respondent”).

### **III. JURISDICTION**

The parties agree that the Board has the authority to enter into this Agreement, and that the Board may enforce the terms of this Agreement in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of this Agreement.

### **IV. CONDITIONS OF PROBATION**

During the probationary period, which shall be effective on the date the Board accepts this Agreement, the Respondent shall comply with each of the following requirements:

A. The Respondent agrees to undergo monitoring by the Board for at least five years from April 26, 2022 (the date upon which he entered into his Physician Health Behavioral Health Monitoring Contract) and for such further period thereafter as the Board shall for reasonable cause order. No early termination of the Agreement will be allowed. Any periods during which the Respondent is not practicing medicine during the probationary period, shall extend the probationary period.

B. The Respondent has entered into a behavioral health monitoring contract, dated April 26, 2022, in a form acceptable to the Board, with Physician Health Services, Inc. ("PHS") of the Massachusetts Medical Society. The Respondent agrees to abide fully by all terms of this contract for the duration of this probationary period. This contract includes a provision that PHS will immediately notify (within 24 hours) the Board of any lapse or violation of its terms by the Respondent, and the contract provides for any necessary waivers of privilege or confidentiality by the Respondent. PHS shall submit quarterly reports to the Board which detail the Respondent's compliance with this contract.

C. The Respondent shall be under the care of a Board-approved licensed or certified health care professional who shall submit written reports, including reports on all missed sessions, to

the Board or its designee as often as the Board deems necessary but in any event at least once every three months. Copies of these attendance reports shall be part of the quarterly report that PHS submits to the Board. The health care professional shall immediately notify the Board by telephone whenever, in his or her professional judgment, the Respondent poses a potential danger to the health, safety and welfare of the Respondent's patients. In addition, the health care professional shall immediately notify the Board by telephone and in writing in the event that the Respondent terminates treatment, or is non-compliant with the treatment plan. In the event that the health care professional notifies the Board that the Respondent poses a danger to the health, safety or welfare of the Respondent's patients, or terminates treatment, the Board may obtain any and all information, reports and records from the health care provider concerning the Respondent. The Respondent hereby waives any privileges concerning such information, reports, records and disclosures to the Board. The health care professional shall confirm in writing, within ten (10) days of the Board's accepting this Agreement, his or her agreement and undertaking with respect to the obligations set forth in this Agreement, and shall notify the Board if the Respondent withdraws any waiver filed in connection with this Agreement. The Respondent may not terminate treatment with, or change the identity of the health care professional without prior Board approval. The Respondent has chosen Anthony Tabacco, M.D. as the healthcare professional who shall fulfill the monitoring requirements of this paragraph.

D. The Respondent shall engage in the practice of medicine only under such conditions as the Board may impose and at a Board-approved worksite. The Respondent is not currently practicing medicine. The Respondent shall not practice medicine until such time as the Board approves a practice plan. Pursuant to the Consent Order in this matter, the Respondent will only be allowed to resume the practice of medicine upon submitting a letter from a Board-approved

psychiatrist, confirming his fitness to practice medicine. In addition, the Respondent shall file a petition to terminate his Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice, as well as a petition seeking approval of a practice plan. Said practice plan shall set forth where the Respondent will practice medicine, identify a workplace monitor for the Board's approval, and specify the current treatment plan of the healthcare provider listed in Paragraph C, above. In the petition for approval of a practice plan, the Respondent shall also acknowledge that he understands the potential consequences of violating this Agreement. The Respondent shall have a Board-approved worksite monitor.

E. The Respondent shall file, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Probation Agreement, written releases and authorizations sufficiently broad in scope so as to allow the Board to obtain any and all medical and laboratory reports, treating physicians' reports and records concerning the Respondent's treatment during the probationary period.

F. All agreements whereby third parties are to provide written reports, releases, records or any other information to the Board under this Probation Agreement shall be submitted to the Board for approval within thirty (30) days after the Probation Agreement is approved by the Board. All such releases and agreements must, in addition to waiving any relevant state law privileges or immunities, provide the Board with access to all material covered by 42 CFR, Part 2, and the Criminal Offender Records Information (CORI) Act, so-called, M.G.L. c. 6, ss. 167-178; all such releases and agreements must provide that the released party shall notify the Board if any waiver is withdrawn. In the event that any such releases or waivers are not sufficient to obtain access to any information which the Board in its discretion considers relevant, the Respondent agrees to obtain personally such information and furnish it to the Board, to the extent permitted by law.

G. In the event that the Respondent seeks licensure to practice medicine in another state, the Respondent shall notify the Board of such fact and shall disclose to the licensing authority in such state his status with this Board. The Respondent shall submit to the Board copies of all correspondence and application materials submitted to another state's licensing authority.

H. In the event the Respondent should leave Massachusetts to reside or practice out of the state, the Respondent shall promptly notify the Board in writing of the new location as well as the dates of departure and return. Periods of residency or practice outside Massachusetts will not apply to the reduction of any period of the Respondent's probationary licensure, unless the Respondent enters into a monitoring agreement, approved by the Board, in the new location.

I. The Respondent shall appear before the Board or a committee of its members at such times as the Board may request, upon reasonable advance notice, commensurate with the gravity or urgency of the need for such meeting as determined by the Board or such committee.

K. The Respondent, and not the Board, shall be responsible for the payment of any fee or charge occasioned by the Respondent's compliance with this Probation Agreement.

L. The Respondent may request that the Board modify any of the conditions set forth above. The Board may, in its discretion, grant such modification. Except for requests for modifications related to the identity of the health care professional referenced in Paragraph C, and the Respondent's employment, the Respondent may make such a request not more than once in any one year period, nor any sooner than one year from the date of this Probation Agreement.

M. The Respondent shall provide a complete copy of this Probation Agreement, with all exhibits and attachments within ten (10) days by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery to the following designated entities: any in- or out-of-state hospital, nursing home, clinic, other licensed facility, or municipal, state, or federal facility at which he practices

medicine; any in- or out-of-state health maintenance organization with whom he has privileges or any other kind of association; any state agency, in- or out-of-state, with which he has a provider contract; any in- or out-of-state medical employer, whether or not he practices medicine there; the Drug Enforcement Administration, Boston Diversion Group; Department of Public Health Drug Control Program, and the state licensing boards of all states in which he has any kind of license to practice medicine. The Respondent shall also provide this notification to any such designated entities with which he becomes associated for the duration of this Agreement. The Respondent is further directed to certify to the Board within ten (10) days that he has complied with this directive. The Board expressly reserves the authority to independently notify, at any time, any of the entities designated above, or any other affected entity, of any action it has taken.

#### V. TERMINATION OF PROBATION

A. If the Respondent complies with his or her obligations as set forth above, the Board, at the expiration of the five-year period, shall, upon petition by the Respondent, terminate the Respondent's probationary period and probation with the Board, unless the Respondent's probation is extended in accordance with paragraph IV(A).

B. If the Respondent fails to comply with his or her obligations as set forth above, the Respondent's license to practice medicine may be immediately suspended, as agreed in Section I.

12/2/22  
Date

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Date

NEJI TANGBAN, MD SFHM  
Neji Tangban  
Respondent

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Attorney for the Respondent

Accepted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, by the Board of Registration  
in Medicine. nunc pro tunc Jan 5, 2023



Julian Robinson, M.D.  
Chair