

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

Division of Administrative Law Appeals

Board of Registration in Medicine,
Petitioner

v.

Docket No. RM-23-0550

Hanpu Chao, M.D.,
Respondent

Appearance for Petitioner:

Rachel N. Shute, Esq.
Board of Registration in Medicine
200 Harvard Mill Square, Ste. 330
Wakefield, MA 01880

Appearance for Respondent:

Pro se

Administrative Magistrate:

Kenneth J. Forton

ORDER OF DEFAULT AND RECOMMENDED DECISION

On November 2, 2023, the Board of Registration in Medicine issued a Statement of Allegations against Respondent Dr. Hanpu Chao. He obtained a license to practice medicine in Massachusetts in 1993, but his license last lapsed on February 25, 2022 because he failed to renew it. The Board seeks to discipline Dr. Chao for his failure to turn over medical records to a patient and for failing to respond to the Board's Complaint Committee.

DALA scheduled a pre-hearing conference on the Statement of Allegations for December 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. The Board appeared for the pre-hearing conference. The Respondent did not.

Consequently, on December 8, 2023, I ordered Dr. Chao to show good cause no later than January 5, 2024 why an Order of Default should not be entered against him for failure to appear at the pre-hearing conference. I also ordered Dr. Chao to file an Answer to the Statement of Allegations.

801 CMR 1.01(6)(d) requires that a Respondent file full, direct, and specific answers to a Statement of Allegations. The Respondent has failed to file such an Answer. Further, Respondent's failure to appear at the pre-hearing conference and his failure to respond to the Order to Show Cause indicate his intention not to defend his inchoate right to renew his license. Accordingly, as permitted by G.L. c. 30A, § 10, the Respondent is defaulted. *See also* 801 CMR 1.07(g).

As a consequence of the default, all of the allegations contained in the Statement of Allegations are deemed proven and true, and accordingly I hereby recommend to the Board of Registration in Medicine that it impose appropriate sanctions against the Respondent.

So ordered.

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/s/ Kenneth J. Forton

Kenneth J. Forton
Administrative Magistrate

Dated: **JAN 11 2024**