

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2015-008

In the Matter of)
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LISA M. COHEN, M.D.)
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STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) has determined that good cause exists to believe the following acts occurred and constitute a violation for which a licensee may be sanctioned by the Board. The Board therefore alleges that Lisa M. Cohen, M.D. (Respondent) has practiced medicine in violation of law, regulations, or good and accepted medical practice as set forth herein. The investigative docket number associated with this order to show cause is Docket No. 14-219.

Biographical Information

1. The Respondent was born on April 12, 1963. She graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1989. She is certified by the American Board of Dermatology and Dermatopathology. She has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 80079 since 1994. She is also licensed to practice medicine in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia.

Factual Allegations

2. On May 30, 2010, the Respondent was arrested by the Chilmark Police Department for a motor vehicle-related offense.
3. On June 28, 2010, a judge in the Edgartown District Court (Court) found sufficient facts to warrant a finding of guilt but continued the matter without making such a finding.
4. The Court placed the Respondent on probation, which was ultimately terminated without incident on December 30, 2011.
5. On March 9, 2011, the Respondent filed a Physician Renewal Application (2011 Renewal Application) with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine (Massachusetts Board).
6. Question 17 of the 2011 Renewal Application states:

17) Criminal Charges

- a) Have you been charged with any criminal offense during this period?
 - b) Have any criminal offenses/charges against you been resolved during this time period?
 - c) Are there any criminal charges pending against you today?
 - d) Are any Applications for Issuance of Process pending against you?
7. The Respondent should have responded to Question 17 a) and b) in the affirmative. Instead, she responded in the negative.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

- A. Pursuant to 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)16, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that said physician has failed to respond to a

subpoena or to furnish the Board, its investigators or representatives, documents, information or testimony to which the Board is legally entitled.

The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §§ 5, 61 and 62. This adjudicatory proceeding will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A and 801 CMR 1.01.

Nature of Relief Sought

The Board is authorized and empowered to order appropriate disciplinary action, which may include revocation or suspension of the Respondent's license to practice medicine. The Board may also order, in addition to or instead of revocation or suspension, one or more of the following: admonishment, censure, reprimand, fine, the performance of uncompensated public service, a course of education or training or other restrictions upon the Respondent's practice of medicine.

Order

Wherefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Respondent show cause why the Board should not discipline the Respondent for the conduct described herein.

By the Board of Registration in Medicine,



Kathleen Sullivan Meyer
Board Vice Chair

Date: February 19, 2015