

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2021-048

In the Matter of)
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GERALDINE SOMERS, M.D.)
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STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board of Registration in Medicine (the “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 Geraldine Somers, M.D. (the “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 Investigative Docket No. 17-254.

Findings of Fact

1. The Respondent graduated from Boston University School of Medicine in 1982. She was previously licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 71604 from 1989 until October 2020, when she declined to apply to renew her license. On information and belief, she has never been licensed to practice medicine in any other state.
2. On July 19, 2017 and July 20, 2017, the Respondent was the treating physician for Patient B in the infirmary of Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center (“Souza-Baranowski”).
3. On the aforementioned days, the Respondent examined Patient B and created progress notes detailing those examinations.

4. The aforementioned progress notes reflected that the Respondent examined the heart, lungs and abdomen of Patient B on July 19, 2017 and July 20, 2017.

5. In actuality, the Respondent did not examine Patient B's abdomen on either of the two (2) dates provided above.

6. The Respondent's omissions, as described in the preceding paragraphs, were observed and recorded on video cameras which regularly record the activities at Souza-Baranowski.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

A. Pursuant to 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)(3), the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that said physician has engaged in conduct which places into question her competence to practice medicine, including but not limited to practicing medicine fraudulently.

B. Pursuant to 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)(10), the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that said physician has engaged in conduct which has the capacity to deceive or defraud.

C. Pursuant to *Levy v. Board of Registration in Medicine*, 378 Mass. 519 (1979) and *Raymond v. Board of Registration in Medicine*, 387 Mass. 708 (1982), the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board that said physician has engaged in conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession.

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,



Julian N. Robinson, M.D.
Board Chair

Date: December 2, 2021