BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA CAUSE NUMBER: 2018 MLB 0025

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF )	FILED
CAREY VIGOR, M.D.  LICENSE NO: 01069925A (SUMMARY SUSPENSION) )	March 03, 2025  Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

# FINDINGS OF FACT, ULTIMATE FINDING OF FACT, CONCLUSION OF LAW, AND ORDER

The Medical Licensing Board of Indiana ("Board") held an administrative hearing on January 23, 2025, in Room W064 of the Indiana Government Center South located at 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, concerning an Administrative Complaint ("Complaint") filed against the Indiana medical license of Carey Vigor, M.D. ("Respondent") on July 12, 2018.

The State of Indiana ("Petitioner") was represented by counsel, Deputy Attorney General Jessica W. Krug. Respondent did not appear in person or by counsel.

On May 22, 2024, the Board sent a notice to Respondent to her address on file with the Board, one additional mailing address, and her email address, informing her of the date, time, and place of a final hearing set on the Complaint scheduled for July 25, 2024.

A Notice of Proposed Default was granted by the Board on July 25, 2024, after Respondent failed to appear for the scheduled hearing. A Notice of Proposed Default Order was mailed to Respondent to the same addresses and email address on or about September 6, 2024. No response was received.

The Board, after taking official notice of the file in the matter and pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3-24, by a vote of 6-0-0 finds Respondent to be in **DEFAULT**. The Board by a separate vote of 6-0-0 issues the following Findings of Fact, Ultimate Finding of Fact, Conclusion of Law, and Order.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Respondent is a Physician in the State of Indiana having been issued license No. 01069925A having been granted that license by the Medical Licensing Board (Board) on or about July 11, 2011.
- 2. Respondent's address on file with the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana is 24001 Greater Mack, Avenue, Suite A, Saint Clair Shores, MI, 48080.
- 3. Respondent also held a medical License in the State of California and holds a medical License in the State of Michigan at the time of hearing.
- 4. During the time that Respondent was practicing psychiatry in the State of Indiana, Respondent was engaged in the provision of substance abuse treatment to patients.
- 5. Petitioner's office received multiple complaints from patients, or their parents, alleging that Respondent failed to treat their medical issues appropriately or competently. Petitioner also received a complaint from another physician in Indiana stating that Respondent requested a copy of a common patient's medical record, but then acted unprofessionally and erratically in communications regarding the provision of those records.
- 6. Specifically, Respondent's written communications with the office of a fellow physician and his staff regarding the request for medical records were

reviewed by the Board. Those communications demonstrate an inappropriate rigid requirement that the medical records could only be faxed to Respondent's office. This requirement had the possibility of hindering the patient's ability to receive appropriate care. Beyond that, Respondent appears to have convinced the patient that the responding physician had somehow violated the patient's rights and encouraged the patient to file a complaint with the federal Office of Civil Rights. Given the incredible and powerful authority physicians have to influence their patients, Respondent failed to act in an appropriate manner consistent with the standards of the profession.

- 7. Respondent's treatment and interactions with Patient A were also reviewed. Patient A was an adult male seeking substance abuse treatment from Respondent. At some point in the relationship, Respondent found herself in a dispute over payment with Patient A. This Board has no opinion as to whether there was a legitimate payment dispute or not and those facts are not relevant to this Board's decision. Contained in the communications between Patient A and Respondent are found statements by Respondent that appear to be paranoid in nature and have no legitimate basis in fact. For example, Respondent repeatedly told her patient that Respondent and her patients were being surveilled by her landlords and that her patients were being discriminated against. A through review by the Board of the communications from Respondent to both Patient A and petitioner demonstrate significant concerns for Respondent's mental health and ability to competently treat her patients.
  - 8. This Board also reviewed a patient chart and communications between

Respondent and the parents of minor Patient B. Patient B's parents sought an evaluation from Respondent for ADD/ADHD. This Board finds that Respondent's treatment and evaluation of Patient B did not meet the competent standards of care required by a physician engaged in such actions. Respondent failed to appropriately evaluate Patient B, misinterpreted testing results with potentially disastrous outcomes, and then communicated with the parents of Patient B in an erratic, unclear, and harassing manner.

- 9. At the time of the filing of the Administrative Complaint in this manner, Petitioner sought, and obtained, an Order from this Board requiring Respondent to complete a psychiatric and medical evaluation to confirm her fitness to practice medicine. Respondent failed to comply with the lawful Orders of this Board.
- 10. Based on both the above facts found by this Board and Respondent's failure to comply with a lawful Order of this Board, Respondent's California medical license was revoked.

#### **ULTIMATE FINDING OF FACT**

- 1. Respondent's actions constitute a violation of **Ind. Code § 25-1-9- 4(a)(4)(C)** in that Respondent has continued to practice although Respondent has become unfit to practice due to a physical or mental disability.
- 2. Respondent's actions constitute a violation of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(4)(A)(ii) in that Respondent has continued to practice although practitioner has become unfit to practice due to professional incompetence.

#### CONCLUSION OF LAW

3. Respondent's violations of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4 is cause for disciplinary sanctions which may be imposed singly or in combination such as censure, a letter of reprimand, probation, suspension, revocation, and/or a fine up to the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) per violation as detailed in Ind. Code § 25-1-9-9.

# **ORDER**

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, Ultimate Finding of Fact, and Conclusion of Law, the Board issues the following Order:

- 1. Respondent's Indiana medical license is **REVOKED**.
- 2. Pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-6-14-10(b), Respondent shall pay a **FEE** of **FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00)** to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund. This fee shall be paid by check or money order payable to the State of Indiana, and submitted to the following address:

Office of the Indiana Attorney General Attn: Executive Assistant, Consumer Protection 302 West Washington Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Indianapolis, IN 46204

SO ORDERED, this 3rd day of March 2025.

MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA

By:

John Strobel, M.D., Board President Indiana Medical Licensing Board

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the "Findings of Fact, Ultimate Finding of Fact, Conclusion of Law, and Order" has been duly served upon:

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