

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
BOARD OF MEDICINE  
DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

In the Matter of

SUZETTE LUGO-MEDINA, M.D.  
License No. 43-01-078982,  
Respondent.

File No. 43-19-002113

CONSENT ORDER

On December 16, 2019, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs executed an Administrative Complaint charging Respondent with violating the Public Health Code, MCL 333.1101 et seq.

Respondent has admitted that the facts alleged in the Complaint are true and constitute violation(s) of the Public Health Code. The Michigan Board of Medicine's Disciplinary Subcommittee (DSC) has reviewed this Consent Order and Stipulation and agrees that the public interest is best served by resolution of the outstanding Complaint.

Therefore, IT IS FOUND that the facts alleged in the Complaint are true and constitute violation(s) of MCL 333.16221(h).

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that for the cited violation(s) of the Public Health Code:

Respondent's license to practice medicine in the state of Michigan is SUSPENDED for a minimum of one (1) day, commencing on the effective date of this Order.

Respondent's license shall be automatically reinstated IF WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDER Respondent has submitted to the Department pre-approval of a mental health professional and evidence that Respondent has completed the Center for Personalized Education for Professionals (CPEP) re-entry clinical assessment, as required by the Final Order Granting Reinstatement dated November 29, 2018. Respondent shall submit the foregoing to: [BPL-Monitoring@michigan.gov](mailto:BPL-Monitoring@michigan.gov).

If Respondent's license to practice remains suspended for more than six (6) months, reinstatement is not automatic. If Respondent applies for reinstatement of the license, application for reinstatement shall be in accordance with MCL 333.16245 and 333.16247.

Respondent is currently subject to the terms of a Final Order Granting Reinstatement entered by the Board of Medicine on November 29, 2018. The November 29, 2018 Order remains in full force and effect, and Respondent must comply with those terms in addition to the terms of this order.

Respondent is FINED \$3,500.00 to be paid to the State of Michigan within 120 days of the effective date of this Order. Respondent shall **direct payment** to the **Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Enforcement Division,**

**Compliance Section, P.O. Box 30189, Lansing, MI 48909.** The fine shall be paid by check or money order, made payable to the State of Michigan, and shall clearly display **File Number 43-19-002113.**

If Respondent violates any provision of this Order, the DSC may proceed to take disciplinary action pursuant to Mich Admin Code, R 338.1632 and MCL 333.16221(h).

This Order shall be effective 30 days from the date signed by the DSC, as set forth below.

**MICHIGAN BOARD OF MEDICINE**

By:  for  
Chairperson, Disciplinary Subcommittee

Dated: May 20, 2020

**STIPULATION**

1. The facts alleged in the Complaint are true and constitute violation(s) of MCL 333.16221(h).

2. Respondent understands and intends that, by signing this Stipulation, Respondent is waiving the right, pursuant to the Public Health Code, the rules promulgated thereunder, and the Administrative Procedures Act, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*, to require the Department to prove a violation of the Public Health Code by presentation of

evidence and legal authority, and Respondent is waiving the right to appear with an attorney and such witnesses as Respondent may desire to present a defense to the charges.

3. This matter is a public record required to be published and made available to the public pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq., and this action will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and any other entity as required by state or federal law.

4. Michael D. Chafty, M.D., a member of the Board who supports this proposal, and the Department's representative are both free to discuss this matter with the DSC and recommend acceptance of the resolution set forth in this Order.

5. This Order is approved as to form and substance by Respondent and the Department and may be entered as the final order of the DSC in this matter.

6. This proposal is conditioned upon acceptance by the DSC. Respondent and the Department expressly reserve the right to further proceedings without prejudice should this Order be rejected.

AGREED TO BY:



Forrest Pasanski, Director  
Enforcement Division  
Bureau of Professional Licensing

Dated: 4-28-2020

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AGREED TO BY:



Suzette Lugo-Medina, M.D.  
Respondent

Dated: April 17, 2020



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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, by Forrest Pasanski, Enforcement Division Director, Bureau of Professional Licensing, complains against Respondent as follows:

1. The Michigan Board of Medicine is an administrative agency established by the Public Health Code, MCL 333.1101 *et seq.* Pursuant to MCL 333.16226, the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee is empowered to discipline persons for violations of the Public Health Code.

2. Respondent currently holds a disciplinary limited license to practice medicine in the state of Michigan and holds a current controlled substance license.

3. The following is included for historical purposes:

- a. On April 2, 2015, an Administrative Complaint was executed against Respondent under file number 47-14-133829, based on Respondent over-prescribing control substances to family members and failing to maintain patient records for those individuals. In resolution of the Complaint, on

September 8, 2015, the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee executed a Final Order that limited Respondent's license for one year with conditions and with concurrent probation with terms and imposed a \$10,000.00 fine.

- b. On November 18, 2015, the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee executed a Consent Order and Stipulation under file number 47-15-137236, which, in part, suspended Respondent's license to practice medicine for ten (10) months and required Respondent to petition for reinstatement and imposed a \$25,000.00 fine. The disciplinary action was based on the Department receiving information and evidence that Respondent engaged in an inappropriate relationship with and failed to maintain adequate medical records for a patient.

4. On November 29, 2018, the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee executed a Final Order Granting Reinstatement (Order), which granted Respondent a two (2) year limited license to practice medicine with specified terms and placed Respondent on concurrent probation. The terms of probation required in part, that Respondent complete a CPEP<sup>1</sup> reentry clinical assessment, submit a request for approval of a mental health professional, meet with the approved mental health professional and submit quarterly mental health reports. The disciplinary action was based on the recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth in the June 27, 2018 Proposal for Decision. A copy of the Order, marked Exhibit A, is attached, and incorporated.

5. Contrary to the terms of the Order, Respondent failed to provide written request for pre-approval of a mental health professional by January 28, 2019, failed to provide quarterly mental health professional reports for the quarters ending

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<sup>1</sup> Is the acronym for the Center for Personalized Education for Professionals.

February 28, 2019, May 29, 2019, and August 29, 2019, and failed to complete the CPEP re-entry clinical assessment program by March 29, 2019.

COUNT I

Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, constitutes a violation of a final order executed by the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee, contrary to Mich Admin Code, R 338.1632, in violation of MCL 333.16221(h).

RESPONDENT IS NOTIFIED that, pursuant to MCL 333.16231(8), Respondent has 30 days from the date of receipt of this Complaint to answer this Complaint in writing and to show compliance with all lawful requirements for licensure. Respondent shall submit the response to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

Respondent's failure to submit an answer within 30 days is an admission of the allegations in this Complaint. If Respondent fails to answer, the Department shall transmit this Complaint directly to the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee to impose a sanction, pursuant to MCL 333.16231(9).

Dated: 12-16-19



Forrest Pasanski, Director  
Enforcement Division  
Bureau of Professional Licensing

Attachment

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