

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

In the Matter of the  
Medical License of  
Jonathan G. Peterson, M.D.  
Year of Birth: 1950  
License Number: 33,320

**FINDINGS OF FACT,  
CONCLUSIONS,  
AND FINAL ORDER**

The above-entitled matter came on for hearing before the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice ("Board") on May 9, 2015, at University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Board conducted a hearing pursuant to the procedure set forth in the Stipulation and Order ("2014 Order") entered into by the Board and Jonathan G. Peterson, M.D. ("Respondent"), and approved on January 11, 2014. At the hearing, the Board's Complaint Review Committee ("Committee") presented, by affidavit, documentation of Respondent's violations of the 2014 Order. Respondent presented, by affidavit, documentation of his attempts to comply with the 2014 Order.

Jason T. Pleggenkuhle, Assistant Attorney General, appeared and presented oral argument on behalf of the Committee. Harvey Friedenson, Esq., and Cindy Lavorato, Esq., appeared and presented oral argument on behalf of Respondent. Gregory J. Schaefer, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal adviser to the Board. The following members of the Board were present: Mark A. Eggen, M.D.; V. John Ella, J.D.; Sarah L. Evenson, J.D., MBA; Dr. Eduardo T. Fernandes; Rebecca J. Hafner-Fogarty, M.D., MBA; Subbarao Inampudi, M.B., B.S., FACR; Irshad H. Jafri, M.B., B.S., FACP; Kelli Johnson, MBA; Gerald T. Kaplan, M.A., L.P.; Charles F. Moldow, M.D.; Allen G. Rasmussen, M.A.; Maria K. Statton, M.D., Ph.D.; Jon V. Thomas, M.D., MBA; and Joseph R. Willett, D.O., FACOI. Charles F. Moldow, M.D., did

not vote in the matter. Mark A. Eggen, M.D.; Gerald T. Kaplan, M.A., L.P.; Irshad H. Jafri, M.B., B.S., FACP; and Maria K. Statton, M.D., Ph.D., were members of the Committee that initially reviewed this matter, and therefore, they did not participate in deliberations and did not vote in the matter.

Based on the testimony, records, and arguments in this matter, the Board makes the following:

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent was licensed by the Board to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota on January 20, 1990. Respondent is board-certified in general psychiatry.

2. On January 11, 2014, the Board adopted a Stipulation and Order ("2014 Order") based on Respondent's violation of Minn. Stat. § 147.091, subd. 1(g) (unethical conduct), (k) (unprofessional conduct), and (o) (failure to maintain adequate medical records). The 2014 Order was based upon, among other things, Respondent maintaining inappropriate boundaries and personal relationships with three patients. The 2014 Order reprimanded Respondent and imposed conditions and restrictions upon Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota, including but not limited to paragraph 5.b., which required Respondent to successfully complete a professional boundaries course, approved in advance by the Complaint Review Committee ("Committee") or its designee, within one year of the date of the 2014 Order.

3. The 2014 Order required Respondent to successfully complete a professional boundaries course, approved in advance by the Committee or its designee, by no later than January 11, 2015. On multiple occasions, Respondent acknowledged that he was not in compliance with the 2014 Order.

4. In correspondence to Board staff dated February 9, 2015, and March 23, 2015, Respondent admitted that he had failed to complete a pre-approved professional boundaries course by January 11, 2015, in violation of the 2014 Order.

5. On or about January 7, 2015, Respondent sent a letter via facsimile to Board staff stating he was unable to find a professional boundaries course to complete as required by his 2014 Order and he was prohibited—for personal, financial, and professional reasons—from completing a professional boundaries course. Respondent requested the opportunity to meet and discuss these issues with the Committee.

6. The Committee requested that Respondent appear before it to discuss Respondent's failure to complete a pre-approved professional boundaries course by January 11, 2015. Respondent's conference with the Committee was continued twice at Respondent's request. Subsequently, Respondent failed to appear for his scheduled conference with the Committee.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board makes the following conclusions of law:

1. Any of the foregoing Findings of Fact that are more appropriately considered conclusions of law are hereby adopted as such.

2. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 147.001-147.37, 214.10, and 214.103 (2014).

3. The Board and the Committee gave proper notice in this matter and have fulfilled all relevant substantive and procedural requirements of law and rule.

4. The Committee has the burden of proof in this proceeding and must establish the facts at issue by a preponderance of the evidence.

5. The Committee has proven by a preponderance of the evidence that Respondent has violated Minn. Stat. § 147.091, subd. 1(f) (violating a Board order) (2014), and the 2014 Order.

6. As a result of the statutory violations set forth above, the Board has the power to take additional disciplinary action against Respondent's license as set forth in Minn. Stat. § 147.141.

### ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions, the Board issues the following order:

1. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the 2014 Order issued to Respondent on January 11, 2014, is hereby **RESCINDED** and shall have no future force or effect.

2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota is **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED**, as of the effective date of this Order.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that during the period of suspension, Respondent shall not in any manner practice as a physician in Minnesota.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent may petition for reinstatement of his license upon submission of satisfactory evidence that: (1) he has successfully completed a professional boundaries course, approved in advance by the Committee or its designee, and (2) the Committee has approved of a paper, not to exceed five pages in length, written by

Respondent after he has successfully completed the pre-approved professional boundaries course, reporting on how what he learned from both the completed professional boundaries and medical records management courses can be implemented to improve his care of patients.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon petitioning for reinstatement, the Committee may request Respondent to appear before the Committee to discuss his petition. Upon receiving Respondent's petition, the Committee may deny the petition or may recommend that the Board continue, modify, or remove the suspension or impose conditions or restrictions as deemed necessary.

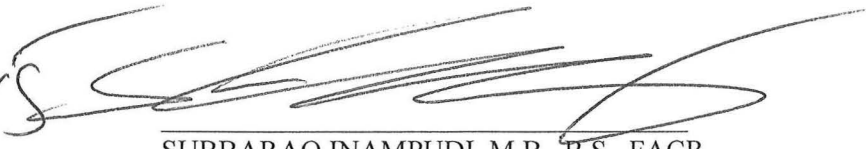
6. The Board may, at any regularly scheduled meeting following Respondent's petition, take any of the following actions:

- a. Grant Respondent's petition for reinstatement of his license;
- b. Grant Respondent's petition for reinstatement of his license with conditions and/or limitations for Respondent's practice; or
- c. Continue the suspension of Respondent's license upon his failure to meet the burden of proof.

7. Respondent's violation of any part of this Order shall constitute grounds for further Board action under Minn. Stat. § 147.091, subd. 1(f) (2014).

MINNESOTA BOARD OF  
MEDICAL PRACTICE

Dated: 5-14-2018

  
SUBBARAO INAMPUDI, M.B., B.S., FACR  
Vice President

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

**Re: In the Matter of the Medical License of Jonathan G. Peterson, M.D.  
License No. 33,320**

STATE OF MINNESOTA    )  
                                      ) ss.  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY    )

TAMMIE L. REEVES, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That at the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, on May 14, 2015,  
s/he caused to be served the FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS, AND FINAL ORDER, by  
delivering in person and/or depositing the same in the United States mail at said city and state,  
true and correct copy(ies) thereof, properly enveloped with prepaid first class postage, and  
addressed to:

*(VIA U.S. MAIL)*

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*Tammie L. Reeves*

TAMMIE L. REEVES

Subscribed and sworn to before me on  
May 14, 2015.

*Sandra D. Howard*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

