

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL
LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION**

BOARD OF MEDICINE

In Re: Chantal Nouvellon, MD

Docket No.: 24-MED-029

License No. 16811

**ORDER OF EMERGENCY
SUSPENSION – 12/20/2024**

I. CASE SUMMARY/PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

On 12/20/2024, the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, Division of Enforcement (“OPLC Enforcement”) filed a “Verified Petition for Emergency Temporary Suspension of Licensure Pursuant to RSA 310:12, IV and N.H. Code Admin. R. Title Plc 206.07” (“Petition”) pertaining to Chantal Nouvellon, MD (“Respondent”). On 12/20/2024, the Presiding Officer and the New Hampshire Board of Medicine (“Board”) reviewed the Petition at an emergency meeting held pursuant to RSA 91-A:2, II, and subsequently suspended the Respondent’s license on an emergency basis pursuant to RSA 310:12, IV and N.H. Code Admin. R., Title Plc 206.07 (“Plc”) (“Rules”). This Order of Emergency Suspension follows.

II. LEGAL STANDARD:

“In cases involving imminent danger to public health, safety, or welfare, a board may order immediate suspension of a license or certification pending an adjudicative proceeding before the board to determine if the suspension should remain in place pending final adjudication of the matter.” RSA 310:12, IV. The Office of Professional Licensure and Certification has further interpreted that to mean that the Board “...

shall issue an order that immediately suspends the respondent's license based on: (1) [a] determination that there is a reasonable basis to believe that public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action..." Rule 206.07(a)(1).

III. EVIDENCE PRESENTED AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

A. Evidence Presented

The Board was presented with and/or considered the following evidence: the 12/20/2024 Verified Petition for Emergency Temporary Suspension of Licensure Pursuant to RSA 310:12, IV and N.H. Code Admin. R. Title Plc 206.07 pertaining to the Licensee, which was filed by Michael Porter, OPLC Bureau Chief of Investigations, OPLC Enforcement. A review of the evidence presented, and the reasonable inferences taken therefrom, allows the Board to find the facts set forth herein. Additionally, the Board relied upon their collective expertise within the profession which they regulate.

B. Findings of Fact

The Board hereby makes the following findings of fact.

1. The Respondent was arrested in the Commonwealth on 9/12/2024 for charges including Assault and Battery on a +60/Disabled Person with injury (felony) and resisting arrest.
2. The Respondent was subsequently released on bail on or about 9/13/2024.
3. On 9/16/2024, while out on bail for the initial charges, the Respondent was arrested for 2 new counts of Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon and 1 count of Assault and Battery on a Police Officer.
4. The Respondent has had numerous actions before the Massachusetts Board and her Massachusetts license is currently suspended.
5. While the Respondent is currently released on bail in the Commonwealth and currently on a GPS monitoring system and ordered to engage in Intensive Outpatient Therapy, Respondent remains licensed in NH and is able to actively practice in New Hampshire, through telehealth.
6. The Respondent practices in an area of psychiatry working with children and adolescents, a particularly vulnerable population.

7. The practice of medicine requires providers to make sound decisions for the health, safety, and wellbeing of patients.
8. The practice of medicine and in particular the practice area of the Respondent requires careful decision-making and an even temperament to make clinical decisions on behalf of patients.
9. The Respondent's actions have demonstrated an inability to make sound or careful decisions.
10. The Respondent's actions have demonstrated a lack of even temperament necessary for medical practice.

IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Based upon the Board's findings of fact, the Presiding Officer concludes there is a reasonable basis to suspend the Respondent's New Hampshire license on an emergency basis pursuant to RSA 310:12, IV Rule 206.07. The central facts are straightforward: The Board's Findings of Fact reflect that the Respondent was initially criminally charged with "...Assault and Battery on a +60/Disabled Person with injury (felony) and resisting arrest ..." While out on bail, the Respondent was "...arrested for 2 new counts of Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon and 1 count of Assault and Battery on a Police Officer." Respondent's license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is currently suspended but the Respondent is currently permitted to practice telehealth in the State of New Hampshire, and she has demonstrated an inability to make sound and careful decisions for the vulnerable population to which she serves. Based upon the forgoing, the Respondent's conduct on its face warrants an emergency suspension of his license pursuant to RSA 310:12, IV and Rule 206.07, pending a follow-up emergency suspension hearing/disciplinary hearing.

ORDER:

Pursuant to RSA 310:12, IV and Rule 206.07 (a) the Board and Presiding Officer hereby order the immediate emergency suspension of Chantel Nouvellon's license as a physician, pending a follow up

emergency hearing in this matter. A Notice of Emergency Hearing with an appropriate date/time shall follow forthwith.

DATED: 12/20/2024

_____/s/ Shane D. Goulet, Presiding Officer_____
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