## BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD IN THE MATTER OF: SHAILESH CHHOTALAL VORA, M.D.

## **ORDER**

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019, comes on for hearing the matter of charging Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D., The Arkansas State Medical Board appeared, together by a quorum of its membership, together with its attorney, Kevin M. O'Dwyer. Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D., appeared together with his attorney, Michelle Ator and Bruce B. Tidwell. From the pleadings, evidence introduced and testimony of the witnesses, respondent and expert, the Board finds that:

I.

Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D., is a licensed physician in the State of Arkansas under the provisions of the Medical Practices Act.

II.

From the testimony of the witnesses, patient N.S. and E.T., the expert opinion and testimony of Lisa Martin, M.D., the testimony of Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D., and the evidence introduced, the Board finds that Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D., violated the Medical Practices Act, more specifically, that he violated ACA §17-95-409(a)(2)(p), that is, violating a rule or regulation of the Board, more specifically, Regulation 32 prohibiting a licensed physician from utilizing words or acts which sexually harass patients within the clinic or hospital setting. In addition, he violated ACA §17-95-409(a)(2)(s), that is, committing an ethical violation as determined by the Board, more specifically Regulation 32D.

WHEREFORE, it is considered, ordered, and adjudged that:

- As a result of the above violations of the Medical Practices Act and the Rules of the Board,
   the Board finds that:
  - a. The license of Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D. is hereby revoked with said revocation being stayed so long as he complies with the following provisions listed hereinbelow as paragraphs 1(b) through (e).
  - b. Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D. shall sign a contract for monitoring with the Arkansas Medical Foundation and follow all the terms of that contract. The Terms of the Arkansas Medical Foundation shall include, but are not limited to, all of the recommendations outlined in May 2019 report from the Alliance Assessment Center in addition to the current "safety plan" in place at his employer in Texas.
  - c. Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D., has moved to Texas to live and practice. Should the Texas Medical Board allow him to continue to practice, he shall, with the approval and recommendation of the Arkansas Medical Foundation, transfer his monitoring contract to the physician health committee with periodic reports continuing to be supplied from the Texas committee to the Arkansas Medical Foundation.
  - d. Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D. shall reimburse the Board the costs of the investigation and hearing of \$1,237.00 within one year from the date of this Order.
  - e. It is acknowledged that Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D. has completed a continuing education course at a Board approved facility regarding maintaining proper boundaries for a doctor/patient relationship.
  - f. The suspension of the license to practice medicine of Shailesh Chhotalal Vora,

M.D. is hereby lifted upon proof that he has signed a contract for monitoring with the Arkansas Medical Foundation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

Robert E. Breving, Jr., M.D., CHAIRMAN

DATE: 6/18/2019

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kevin M. O'Dwyer

Attorney for Arkansas State Medical Board