

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

PETITIONER,

v.

CATHERINE MARIE PAGE, M.D.,

RESPONDENT.

CASE NO. 2000-03986

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the Petitioner, Department of Health, hereinafter referred to as "Petitioner," and files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Medicine against Catherine Marie Page, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Respondent," and alleges:

1. Effective July 1, 1997, Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of medicine pursuant to Section 20.43, Florida Statutes; Chapter 456 Florida Statutes, and Chapter 458, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to the authority of Section 20.43(3), Florida Statutes, the Petitioner has contracted with the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide consumer complaint, investigative and prosecutorial services required by the Division of Medical Quality Assurance, councils, or boards, as appropriate.

2. Respondent is and has been at all times material hereto a licensed physician in the state of Florida, having been issued license number ME 0073612. Respondent's last known address is Box 38, Talbott, Tennessee 37877.

3. Respondent is not board certified.

4. On or about October 21, 1999, Respondent and the North Carolina Medical Board entered into a consent agreement. Respondent's license to practice medicine in North Carolina was reprimanded due to Respondent providing false answers on her North Carolina license renewal application.

5. On or about May 18, 2000, the Florida Board of Medicine received the American Medical Association Physician Disciplinary Alert Bulletin for the January 1999 to April 2000 reporting cycle which indicated Respondent's license had been disciplined.

6. On or about May 18, 2000, the medical compliance officer for the Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Florida Board of Medicine, attested in her official capacity that the Board of Medicine had never received notification from Respondent regarding action taken against her license by the State of North Carolina.

7. Respondent did not report to the Florida Board of Medicine in writing within 30 days the action taken on her license by North Carolina, as required by Section 458.331(1)(kk), Florida Statutes.

COUNT ONE

8. Petitioner realleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through seven (7), as if fully set forth herein this Count One.

9. Respondent had a license or the authority to practice medicine revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction, including its agencies or subdivisions, in that Respondent's license to practice medicine in North Carolina was reprimanded due to Respondent providing false answers on her North Carolina license renewal application.

10. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 458.331(1)(b), Florida Statutes, by having a license or the authority to practice medicine revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction, including its agencies or subdivisions. The licensing authority's acceptance of a physician's relinquishment of a license, stipulation, consent order, or other settlement, offered in response to or in anticipation of the filing of administrative charges against the physician's license, shall be construed as action against the physician's license.

COUNT TWO

11. Petitioner realleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through seven (7) and paragraph nine (9) as if fully set forth herein this Count Two.

12. Respondent failed to report to the board, in writing, within thirty (30) days if action as defined in Section 458.331(1)(b), Florida Statutes, has been taken against one's license to practice medicine in another state, territory, or country, in that Respondent failed to report to the Board, in writing, within thirty days, that action had


been taken against his license to practice medicine by the Medical Board of North Carolina.

13. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated 458.331(1)(kk), Florida Statutes, by failing to report to the board, in writing, within (30) days if action as defined in Section 458.331(1)(b), Florida Statutes, has been taken against one's license to practice medicine in another state, territory, or country.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests the Board of Medicine enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties: permanent revocation or suspension of the Respondent's license, restriction of the Respondent's practice, imposition of an administrative fine, issuance of a reprimand, placement of the Respondent on probation, the assessment of costs related to the investigation and prosecution of this case as provided for in Section 456.072(4), Florida Statutes, and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

SIGNED this 20th day of January, 2001

Robert G. Brooks, M.D., Secretary


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CATHERINE MARIE PAGE, M.D.,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the Board of Medicine (Board) pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, on March 31, 2001, in Jacksonville, Florida, for consideration of the Administrative Complaint (attached hereto as Exhibit A) in the above-styled cause. At the hearing, Petitioner was represented by Larry G. McPherson, Jr., Senior Prosecuting Attorney. Respondent was not present nor was she represented by counsel. The facts are not in dispute.

Upon consideration, it is ORDERED:

1. The allegations of fact set forth in the Administrative Complaint are approved and adopted and incorporated herein by reference as the findings of fact by the Board.

2. In addition, as aggravating factors, the Board finds that Respondent has a substance abuse problem, she has numerous licensure problems in Virginia, and Florida issued to Respondent a temporary

license for areas of critical need, but Respondent only worked in the practice setting for six months.

3. The conclusions of law alleged and set forth in the Administrative Complaint are approved and adopted and incorporated herein by reference as the conclusions of law by the Board.

4. The violations set forth warrant disciplinary action by the Board. THEREFORE,


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Florida is hereby REVOKED.

This Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with the Clerk of the Department of Health.

DONE AND ORDERED this 17th day of April, 2001.

BOARD OF MEDICINE


TANYA WILLIAMS, BOARD DIRECTOR,
For
ZACHARIAH P. ZACHARIAH, M.D.
VICE-CHAIRMAN

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

A PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER IS ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES.