

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2015-002

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 In the Matter of)
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 CHRISTOPHER PALACIOS, M.D.)
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STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) has determined that good cause exists to believe the following acts occurred and constitute a violation for which a licensee may be sanctioned by the Board. The Board therefore alleges that Christopher Palacios, M.D. (Respondent) has practiced medicine in violation of law, regulations, or good and accepted medical practice, as set forth herein. The investigative docket number associated with this order to show cause is Docket Nos. 12-080 and 14-431.

Biographical Information

1. The Respondent was born on September 10, 1975. He graduated from the University of Illinois, College of Medicine in 2000. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 208349 since 2005. He is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology. Until 2012, he was affiliated with North Shore Medical Center. He is currently affiliated with the Arbour Fuller Hospital.

Factual Allegations

2. On February 23, 2012, the Respondent was arrested following an altercation with his then wife, on the evening before.

3. Prior to the incident, Respondent's relationship with his wife had been deteriorating and they had discussed separation and divorce.

4. On July 16, 2013, Respondent admitted to sufficient facts to misdemeanor assault and battery. The case was continued without a finding for one year, and Respondent was required to complete a court sponsored anger management course.

5. On August 27, 2014, the assault and battery charges were dismissed, following Respondent's successful completion of the court-ordered anger management course.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

A. Pursuant to *Levy v. Board of Registration in Medicine*, 378 Mass. 519 (1979); *Raymond v. Board of Registration in Medicine*, 387 Mass. 708 (1982), the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that said physician has engaged in conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession.

The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §§ 5, 61 and 62. This adjudicatory proceeding will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A and 801 CMR 1.01.

Nature of Relief Sought

The Board is authorized and empowered to order appropriate disciplinary action, which may include revocation or suspension of the Respondent's license to practice medicine. The Board may also order, in addition to or instead of revocation or suspension, one or more of the following: admonishment, censure, reprimand, fine, the performance of uncompensated public service, a course of education or training or other restrictions upon the Respondent's practice of medicine.

Order

Wherefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Respondent show cause why the Board should not discipline the Respondent for the conduct described herein.

By the Board of Registration in Medicine,

Candace Lapidus Sloane, MD

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Chair

Date: January 8, 2015