
BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:

SHAILESH CHHOTALLAL VORA, M.D.

FINAL ORDER

The above-titled matter came before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, on July 22, 2021, pursuant to the petition or request of Shailesh Chhotallal Vora, M.D. for removal of all restrictions imposed by that certain Consent Order dated January 6, 2020. A quorum of Board members was present throughout the hearing and deliberation in the matter.

Shailesh Chhotallal Vora, M.D. (hereinafter “Licensee”) was represented by Elizabeth Hyde, Esq. Responding as complaint counsel for the Board was Stan Ingram, Esq. The case was called to hearing without objection from either party.

Alexis Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General, who served as Administrative Hearing Officer, presided at the hearing and was directed to prepare the Board’s written decision in accordance with its deliberations.

And now, upon consideration of all the material produced in the record before the Board, along with the testimony presented at the hearing, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order based on clear and convincing evidence:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is established pursuant to the Mississippi State Board Medical Licensure Act, Title 73, Chapter 43 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended, and is charged with the duty of licensing and regulating the practice of medicine in the State of Mississippi.
2. On April 17, 2019, the Arkansas Medical Board issued an emergency suspension of Licensee’s certificate to practice medicine in that state based upon allegations that he with words or actions sexually harassed patients within a clinic or hospital setting. The disciplinary hearing before the Arkansas Medical Board was set for June 6, 2019.
3. On May 9, 2019, this Board reciprocated and issued an Order of Temporary Suspension of Licensee’s Mississippi medical license, pending a hearing then set for May 21, 2019. The

May 21, 2019 hearing was thereafter continued pending the outcome of the scheduled hearing in Arkansas.

4. Prior to any hearing, Licensee submitted to a comprehensive evaluation through the Arkansas Medical Foundation (AMF), which is the Arkansas counterpart to the Mississippi Physicians Health Program (MPMP). Thereafter, on June 6, 2019, a hearing was conducted before the Arkansas Medical Board, resulting in Licensee's certificate to practice medicine in that state being revoked, but with the revocation automatically stayed, subject to certain conditions, one of which was continued affiliation with AMF.
5. At all times wherein disciplinary action was pending before the Arkansas Board, Licensee was practicing in the state of Texas. On December 6, 2019, Licensee entered into an Agreed Order with the Texas Medical Board. By virtue of the Agreed Order, Licensee acknowledged making inappropriate comments to one patient. Licensee's certificate to practice medicine in Texas was made subject to successful completion of a jurisprudence examination, 12 hours of continuing medical education in ethics and boundaries and a \$3000 administrative penalty.
6. By virtue of the actions taken in Arkansas and Texas, on January 6, 2020, Licensee entered into a Consent Order with this Board placing certain restrictions on his license, including successful completion of the Mississippi Medical jurisprudence examination and full compliance with all conditions imposed by the states of Arkansas and Texas.
7. During the hearing, Licensee introduced evidence in the form of orders confirming that the states of Arkansas and Texas have now removed all restrictions, the result being that Licensee now holds unrestricted licenses in both states. Notwithstanding Licensee's current practice in Texas, he remains a participant with the Arkansas Medical Foundation by virtue of a monitoring agreement. During the hearing, Licensee also acknowledged that he has not communicated or sought affiliation with the MPHP. He agreed to take all necessary steps to insure that the MPHP has an unrestricted line of communication or free flow of information to and from the Arkansas Medical Foundation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Section 73-25-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. Venue is likewise properly placed before the Board to hear this matter in Hinds County, Mississippi.
2. These proceedings were duly and properly convened, and all substantive and procedural requirements under law have been satisfied. This matter is, therefore, properly before the Board.

3. The Board is authorized to license and regulate persons who apply for or hold medical licenses and prescribe conditions under which persons may practice in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
4. The Applicant bears the burden of establishing that he satisfies the requirements for licensure as a medical doctor.
5. Based on the January 6, 2020 Consent Order which Licensee executed, and which was approved by the Board on January 16, 2020, the Board has the discretion to deny the request for removal of any or all restrictions imposed therein.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board finds the following order to be appropriate under the circumstances.

ORDER


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Licensee's petition for removal of all conditions imposed by virtue of the January 6, 2020, Consent Order which Licensee executed, and which was approved by the Board on January 16, 2020, is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Licensee shall take all necessary steps to (i) insure that the Mississippi Physicians Health Program has an unrestricted line of communication or free flow of information to and from the Arkansas Medical Foundation and (ii) has the right to contact any and all parties or entities to insure compliance with the requirements of the Mississippi Physicians Health Program. This includes executing any and all releases and/or waivers so as to accomplish this purpose. In this regard, Licensee is further reminded that in the event he ever chooses to return to the state of Mississippi, he must promptly notify this Board and Mississippi Physicians Health Program.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this action and order of the Board shall be public record. It may be shared with other licensing boards (in and out of state), and the public, and may be reported to the appropriate entities as required or authorized by state and/or federal law or guidelines. This action shall be spread upon the Minutes of the Board as its official act and deed.

SO ORDERED this, the 22nd day of July, 2021.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

BY: 
William D. McClendon, Jr., M.D.
President