



Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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Executive Secretary

April 10, 1995

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Sheila Salama, M.D.
372 Central Park West
Apartment 10D
New York, New York 10025

RE: License No. 115783
Effective Date: 04/17/95

Dear Dr. Salama:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 95-79 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect upon receipt of this letter or seven (7) days after the date of this letter, whichever is earlier.

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension of this license, you are required to deliver to the Board the license and registration within five (5) days of receipt of the Order.

Board for Professional Medical Conduct
New York State Department of Health
Empire State Plaza
Tower Building-Room 438
Albany, New York 12237-0756

Sincerely,

C. Maynard Guest, M.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Michelle Merchant, Esq.
HIP Legal Department
7 West 34th Street, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10001

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER
OF
SHEILA SALAMA, M.D.

CONSENT
ORDER
BPMC #95-79

Upon the application of SHEILA SALAMA, M.D. (Respondent) for Consent Order, which application is made a part hereof, it is

ORDERED, that the application and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted and so ORDERED, and it is further

ORDERED, that this order shall take effect as of the date of the personal service of this order upon Respondent, upon receipt by Respondent of this order via certified mail, or seven days after mailing of this order by certified mail, whichever is earliest.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 5 April 1995



CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D.
Chairperson
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

**IN THE MATTER
OF
SHEILA SALAMA, M.D.**

**APPLICATION
FOR
CONSENT ORDER**

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF NEW YORK) ss.:

SHEILA SALAMA, M.D., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on or about March 15, 1973, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued License No. 115783 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 372 Central Park West Apt. 10D, New York, N.Y. 10025, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with two specifications of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges is annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A".

I do not contest the first and second specifications, in full satisfaction of the charges against me. I hereby agree that I shall be subject to a Censure and Reprimand and further agree to appear for a consultation with a physician with regard to recordkeeping and reporting standards, as directed by the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct.

I hereby make this Application to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (the Board) and request that it be granted.

I understand that, in the event that this Application is not granted by the Board, nothing contained herein shall be binding upon me or construed to be an admission of any act of misconduct alleged or charged against me, such Application shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence during the pendency of the professional misconduct disciplinary proceeding; and such denial by the Board shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by the Board pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law.

I agree that, in the event the Board grants my Application, as set forth herein, an order of the Chairperson of the Board shall be issued in accordance with same.

I am making this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint of any kind or manner.

Sheila R. Salama, M.D.
SHEILA SALAMA, M.D.
RESPONDENT

Sworn to before me this

24th day of March, 1995
Sandra L. Smith
NOTARY PUBLIC

SANDRA L. SMITH
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01SM5025806
Qualified in Queens County
Commission Expires April 4, 1996

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER
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SHEILA SALAMA, M.D.

APPLICATION
FOR
CONSENT ORDER

The undersigned agree to the attached application of the Respondent and to the proposed penalty based on the terms and conditions thereof.

DATE: 3/24/95 Sheila R Salama M.D.
SHEILA SALAMA, M.D.
Respondent

DATE: 3/24/95 Michelle Merchant
MICHELLE MERCHANT, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

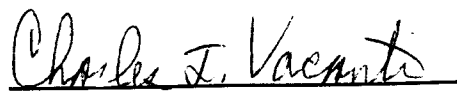
DATE: 3/30/95 Marcia E. Kaplan
MARCIA E. KAPLAN
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

DATE: ap. 13, 1995



KATHLEEN M. TANNER
Director
Office of Professional Medical
Conduct

DATE: 5 April 1995



CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D.
Chairperson
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

IN THE MATTER
OF
SHEILA SALAMA, M.D.

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

Sheila Salama, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about March 15, 1973, by the issuance of license number 115783 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. Respondent treated Patient A between on or about June 15, 1992 and on or about November 10, 1993 at the HIP Manhattan Mental Health Center, 240 East 59th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022-1475.
1. On or about June 15, 1992, Respondent wrote a letter to Family Court Judge Shindlin regarding Patient A (whose identity is disclosed in the attached Appendix) in which Respondent made recommendations to the Court regarding visitation and rendered an opinion regarding a family member's mental condition without clarifying appropriately whom she was seeing in treatment.
 2. On or about July 15, 1992, Respondent wrote a letter to Family Court Judge Michael Gage regarding Patient A in which Respondent made representations about the state of mind and behavior of family members without clarifying appropriately the source of those representations and/or offered an opinion regarding visitation without setting forth appropriate basis.
 3. On or about December 20, 1992, Respondent wrote an open letter to

Patient A's dance school in which Respondent inappropriately made assertions regarding sexual abuse allegations in connection with statements regarding appropriate payment for dance classes.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION

PRACTICING WITH NEGLIGENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION

Respondent is charged with practicing the profession with negligence on more than one occasion under N.Y. Educ. Law Sec. 6530(3) (McKinney Supp. 1995), in that Petitioner charges Respondent with having committed at least two of the following:

1. The facts in paragraphs A and A.1, A.2.
and/or A.3.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

INACCURATE RECORDKEEPING

Respondent is charged with failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient under N.Y. Educ. Law Sec. 6530(32) (McKinney Supp. 1995), in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in paragraphs A and A.1, A.2
and/or A.3.

DATED: February 28, 1995
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Stern Hyman", written over a horizontal line.

CHRIS STERN HYMAN
Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct