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July 17, 2025

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Pooja Rawal, Esq.
New York State Department of Health
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct
Corning Tower Building, Room 2512
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12237

RE: In the Matter of Carey Vigor, M.D.

Dear Parties:

Enclosed please find the Determination and Order (No. 25-136) of the Hearing Committee in the above referenced matter. This Determination and Order shall be deemed effective upon the receipt or seven (7) days after mailing by certified mail as per the provisions of §230, subdivision 10, paragraph (h) of the New York State Public Health Law.

Five days after receipt of this Order, you will be required to deliver to the Board of Professional Medical Conduct your license to practice medicine together with the registration certificate. Delivery shall be by either certified mail or in person to:

Office of Professional Medical Conduct
New York State Department of Health
Office of Professional Medical Conduct
Riverview Center
150 Broadway - Suite 355
Albany, New York 12204

If your license or registration certificate is lost, misplaced or its whereabouts is otherwise unknown, you shall submit an affidavit to that effect. If subsequently you locate the requested items, they must then be delivered to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct in the manner noted above.

As prescribed by the New York State Public Health Law §230, subdivision 10, paragraph (i), (McKinney Supp. 2015) and §230-c subdivisions 1 through 5, (McKinney Supp. 2015), "the determination of a committee on professional medical conduct may be reviewed by the Administrative Review Board for professional medical conduct." Either the licensee or the Department may seek a review of a committee determination.

Request for review of the Committee's determination by the Administrative Review Board stays penalties other than suspension or revocation until final determination by that Board. Summary orders are not stayed by Administrative Review Board reviews.

All notices of review must be served, by certified mail, upon the Administrative Review Board and the adverse party within fourteen (14) days of service and receipt of the enclosed Determination and Order.

The notice of review served on the Administrative Review Board should be forwarded to:

Jean T. Carney, Administrative Law Judge
New York State Department of Health
Bureau of Adjudication
Riverview Center
150 Broadway – Suite 510
Albany, New York 12204

The parties shall have 30 days from the notice of appeal in which to file their briefs to the Administrative Review Board. Six copies of all papers must also be sent to the attention of Ms. Carney at the above address and one copy to the other party. The stipulated record in this matter shall consist of the official hearing transcript(s) and all documents in evidence.

Parties will be notified by mail of the Administrative Review Board's Determination and Order.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Natalie J. Bordeaux
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Bureau of Adjudication

NJB: cmg
Enclosure

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

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IN THE MATTER OF CAREY VIGOR, M.D.	DETERMINATION AND ORDER BPMC-25-136

A Notice of Referral Proceeding and Statement of Charges dated June 9, 2025, were duly served upon Carey Vigor, M.D. (Respondent) pursuant to Public Health Law (PHL) § 230(10)(d)(i). (Exhibits 1-3.) A hearing was held on July 16, 2025, via Webex videoconference. Pursuant to PHL § 230(10)(e), **KENNETH J. STEIER, D.O.**, Chairperson, **JOSEPH S. BALER, M.D.**, and **MYRA M. NATHAN, Ph.D.**, duly designated members of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, served as the Hearing Committee. **NATALIE BORDEAUX**, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) served as the administrative officer.

The New York State Department of Health (Department) appeared by Pooja Rawal, Esq. The Respondent did not appear. The Hearing Committee received and examined documents from the Department (Exhibits 1-5). A transcript of the proceeding was made. After consideration of the entire hearing record, the Hearing Committee hereby issues this Determination and Order, revoking the Respondent's license to practice medicine. All findings, conclusions, and determinations are unanimous.

BACKGROUND

The Department brought the case pursuant to PHL § 230(10)(p), which provides for a hearing when a licensee is charged solely with a violation of Education Law § 6530(9). The Respondent is charged with professional misconduct pursuant to Education Law § 6530(9)(d),

having her license to practice medicine in Indiana revoked after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional agency of that state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York. Under PHL § 230(10), the Department had the burden of proving its case by a preponderance of the evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent was authorized to practice medicine in New York on May 18, 2009, under license number 253171. (Exhibit 5.)

2. On March 3, 2025, the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana (Indiana Board) found that the Respondent, a psychiatrist engaged in [redacted] continued to practice although she has become unfit to do so because of a physical or mental disability, in violation of Indiana Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(4)(C). The Indiana Board determined to revoke the Respondent's license to practice medicine. (Exhibit 4.)

DISCUSSION

Although duly notified of the date, time and place of the hearing, the Respondent did not appear on her own behalf or by representative. After due diligence as certified under oath, the Department was unable to personally serve the Respondent with the Notice of Referral Proceeding and Statement of Charges. A process server attempted personal service of the Notice of Referral Proceeding and Statement of Charges at the Respondent's last known address on file with the New York State Education Department on June 10, 2025, only to discover that the address belonged to a UPS store. The same process server also attempted personal service of the Notice of Referral Proceeding and Statement of Charges on June 11, 2025 at another address the Respondent herself provided to an investigator employed by the Department's Office of Professional Medical Conduct

(OPMC). However, the individual who answered the door claimed to be unfamiliar with the Respondent. (Exhibit 1.) On June 16, 2025, the Department sent the Notice of Referral Proceeding and Statement of Charges to the Respondent's last known addresses (to which a process server unsuccessfully attempted personal service) via certified mail, return receipt requested. (Exhibit 2.) Service was properly effectuated pursuant to PHL § 230(10)(d). Upon the Department having established jurisdiction and proper notice, the ALJ determined that the hearing could proceed on the merits despite the Respondent's absence.

In its March 3, 2025 determination, the Indiana Board concluded that the Respondent committed unprofessional conduct by continuing to practice although she has become unfit to do so because of a physical or mental disability, in violation of Indiana Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(4)(C). (Exhibit 4.) The Hearing Committee agreed that the Respondent's conduct resulting in the Indiana Board's disciplinary action would, if committed in New York, constitute misconduct pursuant to Education Law § 6530(7), practicing the profession while impaired by alcohol, drugs, physical disability, or mental disability. The Hearing Committee thus determined that the Respondent violated Education Law § 6530(9)(d).

After determining to sustain the charge, the Hearing Committee considered all possible penalties authorized by PHL § 230-a. The Department recommended the revocation of the Respondent's medical license, a penalty with which the Hearing Committee agreed.

The Respondent's actions, as described by the Indiana Board, are reflective of an individual who is impaired and incapable of rendering appropriate care to her patients, despite being afforded multiple opportunities for over four and a half years to prove her fitness to continue practicing. On July 31, 2018, the Indiana Board directed the Respondent to undergo a physical and psychiatric examination, an order that was amended on August 28, 2018. The Indiana Board subsequently

denied the Respondent's motion to modify that order and again directed the Respondent on October 18, 2018 to comply with the August 28, 2018 amended order. (Exhibit 4.)

On September 23, 2020, the Indiana Board determined that the Respondent "represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if allowed to continue to practice in the State of Indiana" and summarily suspended the Respondent's license until the conclusion of a final hearing on the matter and an order is issued. A final hearing on the matter was held on January 23, 2025, despite the Respondent's failure to appear, after which the Indiana Board determined that the Respondent failed to appropriately evaluate minor Patient B; misinterpreted Patient B's test results with potentially disastrous outcomes; communicated in an erratic, unclear, and harassing manner with Patient B's parents; and failed to comply with Indiana Board orders to undergo a psychiatric and medical evaluation to confirm her fitness to practice medicine. (Exhibit 4.)

The Respondent's pattern of failing to respond to official inquiries by a duly authorized state medical board, refusing to abide by orders of a duly authorized state medical board, and failing to appear before a duly authorized state medical board to explain her behavior is now manifest in the current proceeding, to which she again has failed to appear. Her behavior, well-documented by the Indiana Board, reflects her incapacity to safely and competently treat patients with any medical need, let alone psychiatric and substance abuse difficulties.

For these reasons, the Hearing Committee determined that revocation is the only appropriate penalty.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The charge of professional misconduct, as set forth in the Statement of Charges, is sustained.

2. The Respondent's license to practice medicine in the state of New York is hereby revoked. PHL § 230-a(4).

3. This Order shall be effective upon service on the Respondent in accordance with the requirements of PHL § 230(10)(h).

DATED: 7/17, **2025**

Orange County, **New York**

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Kenneth J. Steier, D.O., Chairperson
Joseph S. Baler, M.D.
Myra M. Nathan, Ph.D.

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IN THE MATTER

OF

CAREY VIGOR, M.D.

STATEMENT

OF

CHARGES

CAREY VIGOR, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about May 18, 2009, by the issuance of license number 253171 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about March 3, 2025, the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana ("Indiana Board") issued a Findings of Fact, Ultimate Finding of Fact, Conclusion of Law, and Order ("Order"), which revoked the Respondent's Indiana medical license. The Indiana Board Order made an Ultimate Finding of Fact that Respondent "had continued to practice medicine although Respondent has become unfit to practice due to a physical or mental disability." In addition, the Indiana Board made Findings of Fact that the Respondent with respect to Patient B, "did not meet the competent standards of care required by a physician … and failed to appropriately evaluate Patient B, misinterpreted testing results with potentially disastrous outcomes, and then communicated with the parents of Patient B in an erratic, unclear, and harassing manner." Finally, the Indiana Board found that the Respondent failed to comply with a Board Order requiring the Respondent to complete a medical and psychiatric evaluation to confirm her fitness to practice medicine.

B. The conduct resulting in the Indiana Board's disciplinary action against the Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State pursuant to the following section of New York State Law:

1. N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(7) (Practicing the profession while impaired by alcohol, drugs, physical disability, or mental disability).

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

HAVING HAD DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(9)(d) by having the Respondent's license to practice medicine revoked, suspended or having other disciplinary action taken, or having the Respondent's application for a license refused, revoked or suspended or having voluntarily or otherwise surrendered the Respondent's license after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action involving the license or refusal, revocation or suspension of an application for a license or the surrender of the license would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or B1.

DATE: June 9, 2025
New York, New York

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HENRY WEINTRAUB
Chief Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct