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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
Bureau of Professional and
Occupational Affairs
v.
Richard Hill, M.D.,
Respondent

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: Case No. 19-49-012533
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ORDER

AND NOW, this 5th day of February 2020, the State Board of Medicine (Board), noting that neither party filed an application for review and the Board did not issue a Notice of Intent to Review, in accordance with 49 Pa. Code § 16.57, the hearing Examiner's Adjudication and Order dated December 2, 2019, appended hereto as Attachment A, is now the **FINAL ORDER** of the Board in this proceeding, effective December 22, 2019, 20 days after its date of issuance.

BY ORDER:

BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND
OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS



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ACTING COMMISSIONER

STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE



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February 5, 2020

Attachment A

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ADJUDICATION AND ORDER

**Hope S. Goldhaber
Hearing Examiner**

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HISTORY

This matter comes before a hearing examiner for the State Board of Medicine ("Board") on the Commonwealth's filing of a single count *Order to Show Cause* ("OTSC") on September 9, 2019, against Richard Hill, M.D. ("Respondent"). In this single count, the Commonwealth charged that Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under the Medical Practice Act of 1985¹ ("Act") at section 41(4), 63 P.S. § 422.41(4), because the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Virginia Board") took disciplinary action against Respondent's Virginia medical license on or about March 15, 2010, and on or about August 21, 2019.

On September 10, 2019, the Commonwealth mailed the OTSC to Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by first class mail, postage prepaid, at his address of record with the Board, 705 Storch Road, State College, PA 16801, and at his most recent address, 2117 Smith Avenue, Chesapeake, VA 23320, which the Commonwealth obtained through its use of the person locator feature on the legal website www.westlaw.com.

The certified mailing of the OTSC that was mailed to Respondent at the Chesapeake, VA address was delivered on September 13, 2019, and signed for by Respondent's agent at the front desk/reception/mail room, as evidenced by the United States Postal Service electronic return receipt for Certified Mail™ item number 9171 9690 0935 0197 9816 77. Hence, the Commonwealth accomplished service of its OTSC in accordance with the requirements of the General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure ("GRAPP"), 1 Pa. Code § 31.1 *et seq.*, at

¹ Act of December 20, 1985, P.L. 457, No. 112, *as amended*, 63 P.S. §§ 422.1-422.51a.

1 Pa. Code § 33.31.²

The OTSC directed Respondent to file a written answer within thirty (30) days of the date on the OTSC, and specifically advised Respondent that the factual allegations of the OTSC may be deemed admitted if Respondent failed to file an answer within the time period allowed. Respondent was also advised that if he failed to file an answer, the Board may revoke, suspend, or impose other restrictions against his license; and the Board may also impose a civil penalty of up to \$10,000.00 for each violation of the Act. Respondent did not file an answer to the OTSC.

On October 17, 2019, the Commonwealth filed a *Motion to Enter Default and Deem Facts Admitted* ("MDFA"). The MDFA was mailed to Respondent on October 17, 2019, by first class mail, postage prepaid, at 2117 Smith Avenue, Chesapeake, VA 23320.³ This is the same address where the OTSC had been served. Respondent did not file a response to the MDFA.

On November 4, 2019, an *Order Granting Commonwealth's Motion to Enter Default and Deem Facts Admitted* ("MDFA Order") was issued on grounds that Respondent received the OTSC but failed to file an answer as required. The MDFA Order was mailed to Respondent on November 4, 2019, by first class mail, postage prepaid, at Comprehensive Psychological Services,

² Section 33.31. Service by the agency.

Orders, notices and other documents originating with an agency, including forms of agency action, complaints and similar process and other documents designated by the agency for this purpose, shall be served by the office of the agency by mail, except when service by another method shall be specifically required by the agency, by mailing a copy thereof to the person to be served, addressed to the person designated in the initial pleading or submittal at his principal office or place of business. If service is not accomplished by mail, it may be effected by anyone authorized by the agency in the manner provided in 231 Pa. Code Rules 400—441 (relating to service of original process).

1 Pa. Code § 33.31.

³ The MDFA was also mailed to Respondent on October 17, 2019, by first class mail, postage prepaid, at his address of record with the Board: 705 Storch Road, State College, PA 16801.

2117 Smith Ave., Suite B, Chesapeake, VA 23320.⁴ This is the same address where the *OTSC* and *MDFA* had been served except that it also included the name of the practice and the Suite.⁵ The *MDFA Order* was not returned to the Department of State Prothonotary and, therefore, it is presumed to have been delivered to Respondent.

Pursuant to section 35.37 of GRAPP, 1 Pa. Code § 35.37,⁶ the *MDFA Order* advised Respondent that he was in default of filing an answer and that the factual allegations in the *OTSC* were deemed admitted. The *MDFA Order* also advised Respondent that an Adjudication and Order would be issued in due course. To date, Respondent has not responded to either the *OTSC* or the *MDFA*.

This matter is now ripe for disposition.

⁴ The *MDFA Order* was also mailed to Respondent on November 4, 2019, by first class mail, postage prepaid, at his address of record with the Board: 705 Storch Rd., State College, PA 16801.

⁵ This additional information was obtained from Respondent's practitioner information available online through the Virginia Board of Medicine, which provides that Respondent's primary practice address is Comprehensive Psychological Services, 2117 Smith Avenue, Suite B, Chesapeake, VA 23320. See http://www.vahealthprovider.com/results_generalinfo.asp?license_no=0101058825.

⁶ § 35.37. Answers to orders to show cause.

A person upon whom an order to show cause has been served...shall, if directed so to do, respond to the same by filing within the time specified in the order an answer in writing....A respondent failing to file an answer within the time allowed shall be deemed in default, and relevant facts stated in the order to show cause may be deemed admitted.

1 Pa. Code § 35.37.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent holds a license to practice as a medical physician and surgeon in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, license number MD058077L. (Official Notice of Board records⁷; OTSC ¶ 1)
2. Respondent's medical license was originally issued on January 3, 1996, expired on December 31, 2002, and absent further Board action, may be renewed, reactivated or reinstated upon the filing of the appropriate documentation and payment of the necessary fees. (Board records; OTSC ¶ 2)
3. At all times pertinent to the factual allegations in the Commonwealth's OTSC, Respondent held a license to practice as a medical physician and surgeon in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. (Board records; OTSC ¶ 3)
4. Respondent's address of record with the Board is 705 Storch Road, State College, PA 16801; however, the Commonwealth determined, through its use of the person locator feature on the legal website www.westlaw.com, that Respondent's most recent address is 2117 Smith Avenue, Chesapeake, VA 23320. (Board records; OTSC ¶ 4; MDFA ¶¶ 3-4; MDFA at Exhibit A)

Virginia Disciplinary Actions

5. At all relevant and material times, Respondent was authorized to practice as a physician in the Commonwealth of Virginia. (OTSC ¶ 6)
6. By means of an Order dated March 15, 2010, the Virginia Board ordered that:
 - Respondent shall continue to fully comply with the terms of his Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") contract, and any addenda

⁷ Official notice of the Board's records may be taken pursuant to the General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure (GRAPP), 1 Pa. Code § 31.1 *et seq.*, at § 35.173, which permits the presiding officer to take official notice of the Board's own records. *See Gleeson v. State Bd. of Medicine*, 900 A.2d 430, 440 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2006), *appeal denied*, 917 A.2d 316 (Pa. 2007). All citations to "Board records" are based on this taking of official notice.

- thereto, until he successfully completes the program;
- Respondent is reprimanded;
- Respondent shall complete 15 hours of continuing medical education ("CME") in the subject of medical recordkeeping within 12 months of entry of the Order; and
- Respondent shall complete 12 hours of CME in the subject of proper prescribing of controlled substances within 12 months of entry of the Order.

(OTSC ¶¶ 7-9; OTSC at Exhibit A)

7. By means of a Consent Order dated August 21, 2019, the Virginia Board reprimanded Respondent and ordered Respondent to complete five hours of CME in the subject of recordkeeping within six months of entry of the Order. (OTSC ¶¶ 10-12; OTSC at Exhibit B)

Service of OTSC

8. On September 9, 2019, the Commonwealth filed an *OTSC* alleging that Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 41(4) of the Act, 63 P.S. § 422.41(4), because Respondent had a license to practice the profession disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state, Virginia. (OTSC; MDFA ¶ 1)

9. On September 10, 2019, the Commonwealth mailed the *OTSC* to Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by first class mail, postage prepaid, at his address of record with the Board, 705 Storch Road, State College, PA 16801, and at his most recent address, 2117 Smith Avenue, Chesapeake, VA 23320, which the Commonwealth obtained through its use of the person locator feature on the legal website www.westlaw.com. (OTSC ¶ 4; OTSC at Certificate of Service; MDFA ¶¶ 3-5; MDFA at Exhibit A)

10. The *OTSC* that was mailed to Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, at 2117 Smith Avenue, Chesapeake, VA 23320 was delivered on September 13, 2019, and signed for by Respondent's agent at the front desk/reception/mail room, as evidenced by the United States Postal Service electronic return receipt for Certified Mail™ item number 9171 9690

Due Process

11. The *OTSC* directed Respondent to file a written answer within thirty (30) days of the date on the *OTSC*, and specifically advised Respondent that the factual allegations of the *OTSC* may be deemed admitted if Respondent failed to file an answer within the time period allowed. (OTSC at Notice and Procedures; MDFA ¶ 7)

12. The *OTSC* also advised Respondent that if he failed to file an answer, the Board may revoke, suspend, or impose other restrictions against his license; and the Board may also impose a civil penalty of up to \$10,000.00 for each violation of the Act. (OTSC at Penalties and Procedures)

13. Respondent did not file an answer to the *OTSC*. (File No. 19-49-012533; MDFA ¶ 8)

14. On October 17, 2019, the Commonwealth filed an *MDFA* in this matter and mailed it to Respondent by first class mail, postage prepaid, at the same address at which the *OTSC* had been served: 2117 Smith Avenue, Chesapeake, VA 23320.⁸ (MDFA at Certificate of Service)

15. Respondent did not file a response to the *MDFA*. (File No. 19-49-012533)

16. On November 4, 2019, an *MDFA Order* was issued, entering judgment by default and deeming the factual allegations in the *OTSC* admitted, on grounds that Respondent received the *OTSC* but failed to file an answer as required. (File No. 19-49-012533)

17. The *MDFA Order* was mailed to Respondent on November 4, 2019, by first class

⁸ The *MDFA* was also mailed to Respondent on October 17, 2019, by first class mail, postage prepaid, at his address of record with the Board: 705 Storch Road, State College, PA 16801. (MDFA at Certificate of Service)

mail, postage prepaid, at Comprehensive Psychological Services, 2117 Smith Ave., Suite B, Chesapeake, VA 23320⁹; this is the same address where the *OTSC* and *MDFA* had been served except that it also included the name of the practice and the Suite.¹⁰ (File No. 19-49-012533)

18. The *MDFA Order* mailed to Respondent at Comprehensive Psychological Services, 2117 Smith Ave., Suite B, Chesapeake, VA 23320 was not returned to the Department of State Prothonotary and, therefore, it is presumed to have been delivered to Respondent. (File No. 19-49-012533)

19. Respondent was served with the *OTSC*, *MDFA* and *MDFA Order* filed of record in this matter. (File No. 19-49-012533)

⁹ The *MDFA Order* was also mailed to Respondent on November 4, 2019, by first class mail, postage prepaid, at his address of record with the Board: 705 Storch Rd., State College, PA 16801.

¹⁰ This additional information was obtained from Respondent's practitioner information available online through the Virginia Board of Medicine, which provides that Respondent's primary practice address is Comprehensive Psychological Services, 2117 Smith Avenue, Suite B, Chesapeake, VA 23320. See http://www.vahealthprovider.com/results_generalinfo.asp?license_no=0101058825.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter. (Findings of Fact 1-3)
2. Respondent has been afforded reasonable notice of the charges against him and an opportunity to be heard in this proceeding, in accordance with section 5 of the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. § 504. (Findings of Fact 4, 8-19)
3. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 41(4) of the Act, 63 P.S. § 422.41(4), in that Respondent had his license to practice medicine disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state, Virginia, on March 15, 2010, and on August 21, 2019. (Findings of Fact 5-7)

DISCUSSION

Violation

A board-regulated practitioner in Pennsylvania who is disciplined by a proper licensing authority of another state is subject to disciplinary action in Pennsylvania under section 41(4) of the Act as follows:

Section 41. Reasons for refusal, revocation, suspension or other corrective actions against a licensee or certificate holder

The board shall have authority to impose disciplinary or corrective measures on a board-regulated practitioner for any or all of the following reasons:

* * *

- (4) **Having a license or other authorization to practice the profession revoked or suspended or having other disciplinary action taken, or an application for a license or other authorization refused, revoked or suspended by a proper licensing authority of another state, territory, possession or country, or a branch of the Federal Government.**

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63 P.S. § 422.41(4) (emphasis added).

The facts deemed admitted are based on the factual allegations in the *OTSC* as well as the information contained in what are alleged to be true and correct copies of the March 15, 2010, and August 21, 2019, Virginia disciplinary actions, which were attached to the *OTSC* as Exhibits A and B, respectively. These facts conclusively establish that on March 15, 2010, the Virginia Board reprimanded Respondent; ordered Respondent to continue to fully comply with the terms of his HPMP contract, and any addenda thereto, until he successfully completes the program; ordered Respondent to complete 15 hours of CME in the subject of medical recordkeeping within 12 months; and ordered Respondent to complete 12 hours of CME in the subject of proper prescribing

of controlled substances within 12 months. These facts also conclusively establish that on August 21, 2019, the Virginia Board reprimanded Respondent and ordered Respondent to complete five hours of CME in the subject of recordkeeping within six months. Therefore, the Commonwealth has proven by a preponderance of the evidence¹¹ that Respondent's medical license in another state, Virginia, was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of that state, as charged in Count One of the *OTSC*.

Sanction

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has recognized that "[r]eciprocal discipline prevents licensed professionals from violating ethical rules, being disciplined, and then transferring to a new jurisdiction to continue to practice with an unblemished record of ethical conduct." *Khan v. State Bd. of Auctioneer Examiners*, 842 A.2d 936, 944 (Pa. 2004). There are a variety of sanctions available to prevent this from happening.

Section 42 of the Act, 63 P.S. § 422.42, sets forth the type of disciplinary or corrective measures that may be imposed for violations of the Act, including Respondent's violation of section 41(4) of the Act. Specifically, section 42(a) of the Act provides, in relevant part, as follows:

Section 42. Types of corrective action

- (a) **Authorized actions.**—When the board is empowered to take disciplinary or corrective action against a board-regulated practitioner under the provisions of this act or pursuant to other statutory authority, the board may:

¹¹ The degree of proof required to establish a case before an administrative tribunal in an action of this nature is a preponderance of the evidence. *Lansberry v. Pennsylvania Pub. Util. Comm'n*, 578 A.2d 600, 602 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1990), *appeal denied*, 602 A.2d 863 (Pa. 1992). A preponderance of the evidence is generally understood to mean that the evidence demonstrates a fact is more likely to be true than not to be true, or if the burden were viewed as a balance scale, the evidence in support of the Commonwealth's case must weigh slightly more than the opposing evidence. *Selling Hosiery, Inc. v. Margulies*, 70 A.2d 854, 856 (Pa. 1950). The Commonwealth therefore has the burden of proving the charges against Respondent with evidence that is substantial and legally credible, not by mere "suspicion" or by only a "scintilla" of evidence. *Lansberry*, 578 A.2d at 602.

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- (2) Administer a public reprimand with or without probation.
- (3) Revoke, suspend, limit or otherwise restrict a license or certificate.
- (4) Require the board-regulated practitioner to submit to the care, counseling or treatment of a physician or a psychologist designated by the board.
- (5) Require the board-regulated practitioner to take refresher educational courses.
- (6) Stay enforcement of any suspension, other than that imposed in accordance with section 40, [footnote omitted] and place a board-regulated practitioner on probation with the right to vacate the probationary order for noncompliance.

* * *

63 P.S. § 422.42(a). Additionally, a maximum civil penalty up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for each violation of the Act is authorized under either section 908 of the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Act,¹² 40 P.S. § 1303.908, or section 5(b)(4) of Act 48,¹³ 63 P.S. § 2205(b)(4).

The Board is charged with the responsibility and authority to oversee the profession and to regulate and license professionals to protect the public health and safety. *Barran v. State Bd. of Medicine*, 670 A.2d 765, 767 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1996), *appeal denied*, 679 A.2d 230 (Pa. 1996). With public protection in mind, the Board considers the seriousness of the violations and any mitigating evidence in fashioning a sanction fitted to the circumstances of a given disciplinary matter.

There is no mitigating evidence to consider because, although he has been given

¹² Act of March 20, 2002, P.L. 154, No. 13, 40 P.S. §§ 1303.901-1303.910.

¹³ Act of July 2, 1993, P.L. 345, No. 48, *as amended*, 63 P.S. §§ 2201-2207.

appropriate notice and the opportunity to respond, Respondent has not defended himself in the matter now before the Board. Therefore, the Board has only the seriousness of the Virginia disciplinary actions to consider when determining the appropriate sanction.

The Virginia Board did not suspend or revoke Respondent's medical license in Virginia, and it did not impose a civil penalty. Therefore, the hearing examiner does not believe that any of these sanctions are appropriate in Pennsylvania.

In a reciprocal disciplinary case, it is common but not required for the Board to impose a sanction that mirrors the sanction imposed in the other state. In this case, the hearing examiner believes that it is appropriate to reprimand Respondent based on the fact that the Virginia Board reprimanded him on March 15, 2010, and again on August 21, 2019. A public reprimand will protect the public health and safety because it will alert Pennsylvania's citizens to Respondent's disciplinary actions in Virginia, thereby allowing anyone who inquires to make an informed decision based upon the public information available.

There is no need to mirror any of the other sanctions imposed by the Virginia Board. On March 15, 2010, the Virginia Board ordered Respondent to fully comply with the terms of his HPMP contract, and any addenda thereto, until he successfully completes the program. On March 15, 2010, the Virginia Board also ordered Respondent to complete CME in the subjects of medical recordkeeping and proper prescribing of controlled substances. Given that these remedial measures were imposed almost 10 years ago in Virginia and given that there is no evidence that Respondent did not complete them, there is no reason to mirror them in Pennsylvania almost a decade later.

More recently, on August 21, 2019, the Virginia Board ordered Respondent to complete five hours of CME in the subject of recordkeeping within six months. Since Respondent's license in Pennsylvania is expired, Respondent is located in Virginia, and CME in Virginia will teach

Respondent the same things he would learn if he were required to complete it in Pennsylvania, there is little basis for mirroring the CME requirement imposed by the Virginia Board on August 21, 2019.

Accordingly, based upon the foregoing, the following order shall issue:

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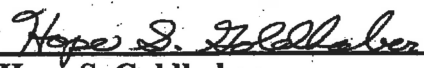
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ORDER

AND NOW, this 2nd day of **December 2019**, upon consideration of the foregoing findings of fact, conclusions of law and discussion, it is **ORDERED** that the license to practice medicine and surgery issued to Respondent, **Richard Hill, M.D.**, license no. **MD058077L**, is **REPRIMANDED**.

This order shall take effect 20 days from the date of mailing unless otherwise ordered by the State Board of Medicine.

BY ORDER:


Hope S. Goldhaber
Hearing Examiner

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December 2, 2019

NOTICE

REHEARING AND/OR RECONSIDERATION

A party may file an application for rehearing or reconsideration **within 15 days of the mailing date** of this adjudication and order. The application must be captioned "*Application for Rehearing*", "*Application for Reconsideration*", or "*Application for Rehearing or Reconsideration*". It must state specifically and concisely, in numbered paragraphs, the grounds relied upon in seeking rehearing or reconsideration, including any alleged error in the adjudication. If the adjudication is sought to be vacated, reversed, or modified by reason of matters that have arisen since the hearing and decision, the matters relied upon by the petitioner must be set forth in the application.

APPEAL TO BOARD

An application to the State Board of Medicine for review of the hearing examiner's adjudication and order must be filed by a party **within 20 days of the date of mailing** of this adjudication and order. The application must be captioned "*Application for Review*". It must state specifically and concisely, in numbered paragraphs, the grounds relied upon in seeking the Board's review of the hearing examiner's decision, including any alleged error in the adjudication. Within an application for review a party may request that the Board hear additional argument and take additional evidence.

An application to the Board to review the hearing examiner's decision may be filed irrespective of whether an application for rehearing or reconsideration is filed. However, the filing of an application for rehearing and/or reconsideration does not extend, or in any other manner affect, the time period in which an application for review may be filed.

STAY OF HEARING EXAMINER'S ORDER

Neither the filing of an application for rehearing and/or reconsideration nor the filing of an application for review operates as a stay of the hearing examiner's order. To seek a stay of the hearing examiner's order, the party must file an application for stay directed to the Board.

FILING AND SERVICE

An original and three (3) copies of all applications shall be filed with:

Prothonotary
P.O. Box 2649
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

A copy of all applications must also be served on all parties.

Applications must be received for filing by the Prothonotary within the time limits specified. The date of receipt at the office of Prothonotary, and not the date of deposit in the mail, is determinative.

NOTICE

The attached Final Order represents the final agency decision in this matter. It may be appealed to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania by the filing of a Petition for Review with that Court within 30 days after the entry of the order in accordance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure. See Chapter 15 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure entitled "Judicial Review of Governmental Determinations," Pa. R.A.P 1501 – 1561. Please note: An order is entered on the date it is mailed. If you take an appeal to the Commonwealth Court, you must serve the Board with a copy of your Petition for Review. The agency contact for receiving service of such an appeal is:

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The name of the individual Board Counsel is identified on the Final Order.