

IN THE MATTER OF
NATASHA A. SANDY, M.D.

Respondent

License Number: D71050

* BEFORE THE
* MARYLAND STATE
* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
* Case Number: 2218-0170A

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CONSENT ORDER

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On April 20, 2018, Disciplinary Panel A ("Panel A") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") charged **NATASHA A. SANDY, M.D.** (the "Respondent"), License Number D71050, under the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("Health Occ.") §§ 14-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2017 Supp.).

Specifically, Panel A charged the Respondent with violating the following provision of the Act under Health Occ. § 14-404:

- (a) *In general.* -- Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the licensee:
 - (33) Fails to cooperate with a lawful investigation conducted by the Board or a disciplinary panel[.]

On July 11, 2018, a hearing was held before Panel A, sitting as a Disciplinary Committee for Case Resolution. As a result of negotiations occurring before Panel A, the Respondent agreed to enter into the following Consent Order, consisting of

Procedural Background, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, Consent and Notary.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel A makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. The Respondent was originally licensed to practice medicine in Maryland on June 24, 2010, under License Number D71050. The Respondent maintained continual licensure until September 30, 2017, when her license expired.
2. The Respondent then submitted an Application for Reinstatement of Medical License (the "Application") to the Board, which the Board received on or about October 12, 2017.
3. The Respondent dated her Application October 1, 2017. In her Application, the Respondent claimed that she "missed deadline due to website glitch on 9/30" and was seeking reinstatement of her license because she has "a full book of over 100 patients each week for next 3 months."
4. The Board reinstated the Respondent's Maryland medical license on November 15, 2017.
5. By letter to the Respondent, dated December 22, 2017, sent by first-class mail, the Board informed the Respondent that it had opened an investigation of her licensure based on her submission of her Application and practice activities occurring during the time before her license was reinstated. The Board requested that the Respondent provide a detailed explanation of her patient care activities in Maryland from October 1, 2017, until the time it reinstated her medical license. The Board

instructed the Respondent to provide a signed response within ten (10) days of her receipt of the letter.

6. The Respondent did not submit a response to the Board's December 22, 2017, letter. The Board's December 22, 2017, letter was not returned as undeliverable.

7. By email to the Respondent's email address, sent on January 12, 2018, at 1:11 p.m., the Board informed the Respondent that it had not received a response to its December 22, 2017, letter, a copy of which it attached to its email. The Board requested that the Respondent provide a response on or before January 17, 2018. The Board informed the Respondent that failure to respond may result in the issuance of a subpoena requiring her appearance at the Board.

8. The Respondent did not respond to the Board's January 12, 2018, email.

9. By letter to the Respondent, dated February 21, 2018, sent by certified and first-class mail, and by email to the Respondent's email address, sent on February 21, 2018, at 2:24 p.m., the Board sent the Respondent a *subpoena ad testificandum* ("SAT") to appear at the Board's offices on March 6, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., to give testimony in a Board matter in the form of an interview.

10. The Respondent did not respond to the Board's February 21, 2018, letters or email. The Board's February 21, 2018, letter was not returned as undeliverable.

11. The Respondent failed to appear at the Board's offices on March 6, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., in response to its SAT.

12. The Board's investigation determined that the Respondent's failure to respond to its investigative letters and its SAT, as described above, constitutes failing to cooperate with a lawful investigation conducted by the Board or a disciplinary panel, in

violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(33).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Panel A finds as a matter of law that the Respondent violated the following provision of the Act under Health Occ. § 14-404(a): (33) Fails to cooperate with a lawful investigation conducted by the Board or a disciplinary panel.

ORDER

IT IS thus, by Panel A of the Board, hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent is **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that within **one (1) year**, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine in the amount of \$5000.00, by money order or bank certified check made payable to the Maryland State Board of Physicians, P.O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition of the Consent Order, the Respondent shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact, the hearing shall be before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings. If there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, the Respondent shall be given a show cause hearing before the Board or Panel A; and it is further

ORDERED that, after the appropriate hearing, if the Board or Board Disciplinary Panel determines that the Respondent has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Consent Order, the Board or Board Disciplinary Panel may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with appropriate terms and conditions,

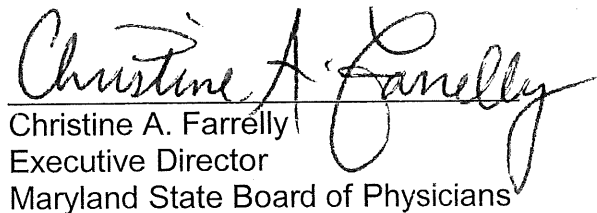
or suspend or revoke the Respondent's license to practice medicine in Maryland. The Board or Board Disciplinary Panel may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine upon the Respondent; and it is further

ORDERED that, unless stated otherwise in the order, any time period prescribed in this order begins when the Consent Order goes into effect. The Consent Order goes into effect upon the signature of the Board's Executive Director, who signs on behalf of Panel A; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the condition of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen Prov. §§ 4-101-4-601 (2014 & 2017 Supp.).

July 27, 2018
Date


Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians

CONSENT

I, Natasha A. Sandy, M.D., acknowledge that I was represented by counsel before entering this Consent Order. By this Consent, I agree and accept to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by the law. I agree to forego my opportunity to challenge these allegations. I acknowledge the legal authority

and jurisdiction of Panel A to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of a disciplinary panel of the Board that I might have filed after any such hearing.


I sign this Consent Order after having an opportunity to consult with counsel, voluntarily and without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of the Consent Order.

Signature on File

7/25/18
Date

Nátařha A. Sandy, M.D.
Respondent

Read and approved:



Charles I. Joseph, Esquire
Counsel for Dr. Sandy

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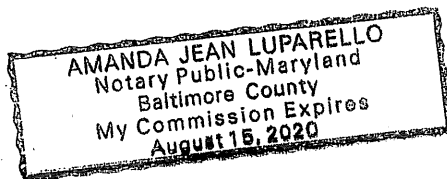
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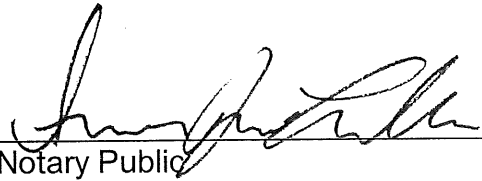
STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF BALTIMORE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 25th day of June 2018, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County, personally appeared Natasha A. Sandy, M.D., and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notarial seal.





Notary Public

My Commission expires: 8/15/2020