

IN THE MATTER OF
SENAMEDOUSSI HLONTOR, RCP
Respondent
License Number: L06494

*** BEFORE THE**
*** MARYLAND STATE**
*** BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**
*** Case Number: 2220-0083 B**

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CONSENT ORDER

On October 16, 2020, Disciplinary Panel B (“Panel B”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) charged **SENAMEDOUSSI HLONTOR, RCP** (the “Respondent”), **License Number L06494**, under the Maryland Respiratory Care Practitioners Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. (“Health Occ.”) §§ 14-5A-01 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2019 Supp.).

The pertinent provisions of the Act provide:

Health Occ. § 14-5A-17. License denial, suspension, or revocation.

- (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this title, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:

...

- (28) Fails to submit to a criminal history records check under § 14-308.1 of this title[.]

Health Occ. § 14-308.1. Criminal history records check through Central Repository.

- (a) In this section, “Central Repository” means the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

- (b) An applicant, a licensee, or a certificate holder shall apply to the Central Repository for a State and national criminal history records check.
- (c) As part of the application required under subsection (b) of this section, an individual shall submit to the Central Repository:
 - (1) Two complete sets of legible fingerprints taken on forms approved by the Director of the Central Repository and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
 - (2) The fee authorized under § 10-221(b) (7) of the Criminal Procedure Article for access to State criminal history records; and
 - (3) The mandatory processing fee required by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history records check.

On December 16, 2020, Panel B was convened as a Disciplinary Committee for Case Resolution (“DCCR”) in this matter. Based on negotiations occurring as a result of this DCCR, the Respondent agreed to enter into this Consent Order, consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Consent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel B finds the following:

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice respiratory care in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed to practice respiratory care in Maryland on September 8, 2015, under License Number L06494. The Respondent’s license is currently active.

2. On or about May 9, 2018, the Respondent submitted an online application (the "Application") for the renewal of her respiratory care license using the Board's online renewal application process.

3. When a licensee applies online to renew his or his license, a notice appears that informs the licensee that the Board may not renew a license if it has not received the licensee's Criminal History Record Check ("CHRC") information, which includes the licensee's submission of his or her fingerprints to the Criminal Justice Information Services ("CJIS") before attempting to complete the renewal application.

4. The Respondent's signed Application states, "Failure to submit to a [CHRC] may result in disciplinary action." Prior to submitting the online Application, the Respondent checked a box attesting to completing the CHRC.

5. From December 2018 through January 2019, using the email addresses provided by the applicants on their 2018 applications, the Board sent emails to all applicants who had not yet complied with the CHRC requirements that applicants had 10 days to respond and provide documentation of CHRC compliance.

6. The Respondent did not respond to the email.

7. By letter dated March 15, 2019, to the Respondent's address of record, the Board informed the Respondent that it opened a preliminary investigation based upon her failure to obtain a CHRC for license renewal. The letter requested that Respondent submit documentation to the Board to support that she obtained a CHRC no later than ten business days after receipt of the letter. The Respondent failed to submit the documentation.

8. On or about July 10, 2019, Board staff sent a follow-up letter to the Respondent by U.S. mail informing her that the Board had not received a response to its previous communications, and requesting that the Respondent contact Board staff by July 24, 2019.

9. The Respondent did not reply to the letter or notify the Board of a new mailing address.

10. On November 24, 2020, the Board received a completed federal and state CHRC.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the Findings of Fact, Disciplinary Panel B of the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent failed to submit to a criminal records history check under § 14-308.1 of this title, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-5A-17(a)(28), The Panel dismisses the charges pertaining to Health Occ. § 14-5A-17(a)(1), (3), (10), (26).

ORDER

It is thus by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of Disciplinary Panel B of the Board, hereby:

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

ORDERED that within **SIX MONTHS**, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500)**. The Payment shall be by money order or bank certified check made payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians and mailed to P.O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297. The Board will not renew or reinstate the Respondent's license if the Respondent fails to timely pay the fine to the Board;

ORDERED that the effective date of the Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Board. The Executive Director signs the Consent Order on behalf of the disciplinary panel which has imposed the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

01/08/2021
Date

Signature on File

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians

CONSENT

I, Senamedoussi Hlontor, RCP, acknowledge that I assert that I am aware of my right to consult with and be represented by counsel in considering this Consent Order and in any proceedings that would otherwise result from the charges currently pending. I have chosen to proceed without counsel and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without counsel is freely and voluntarily made.

By this Consent, I agree to be bound by this Consent Order and all its terms and conditions and understand that the disciplinary panel will not entertain any request for amendments or modifications to any condition.

I assert that I am aware of my right to a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 15-315 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 *et seq.* concerning the pending charges. I waive this right and have elected to sign this Consent Order instead.

I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Consent Order as if entered 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 behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I waive those procedural and substantive protections. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the disciplinary panel to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order.

I voluntarily enter into and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order as a resolution of the charges. I waive any right to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order set out in the Consent Order. I waive all rights to appeal this Consent Order.

I sign this Consent Order, without reservation, and fully understand the language and meaning of its terms.

Signature on File

01/04/2021
Date

Senamedoussi Hlontor, RCP

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland
CITY/COUNTY OF Fredrick

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 4th day of January 2021, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County, personally appeared Senamedoussi Hlontor, RCP, 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: My Commission Expires July 14, 2022