

State of Rhode Island
Department of Health
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline



IN THE MATTER OF:
Alexandar Jovanovich, MD
License No.: MD 16081
Case No.: C201350

CONSENT ORDER

The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline ("Board") has reviewed and investigated the above-referenced complaint pertaining to Dr. Alexandar Jovanovich ("Respondent") through its Investigative Committee. The Board makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent has been a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island since December 15, 2017.
2. Respondent graduated from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in 2010. His specialty is Family Practice.
3. The Federation of State Medical Boards ("FSMB") notified the Board that the Iowa Board of Medicine had charged Respondent with violating the standards of telemedicine in Iowa when he allegedly "failed to establish a valid physician patient relationship with patients receiving telemedicine services in Iowa; failed to perform interviews of his patients sufficient for the diagnosis and treatment of patients in Iowa prior to providing medical treatment, including prescriptions; and prescribed medications to patients in Iowa based solely on an internet questionnaire."

4. Respondent entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board of Medicine, dated August 28, 2020, pursuant to which Respondent was CITED for allegedly violating the standards of practice for telemedicine in Iowa, WARNED that engaging in such conduct in the future may result in further disciplinary action against his Iowa medical license, required to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty, and required to take corrective action to address the deficiencies in his telemedicine practice. The Iowa Board acknowledged that Respondent denied any wrongdoing and denied any breach or violation of Iowa law. Respondent and the Iowa Board entered into the Settlement Agreement as a compromise of disputed claims.

5. Respondent appeared before the Investigative Committee on February 4, 2021, at which time he represented that he no longer practices telemedicine and that he never engaged any Rhode Island patients. Respondent confirmed entering into the Settlement Agreement.

6. Based on the foregoing, the Investigative Committee concluded that disciplinary action had been taken against Respondent's license in another state and that, therefore, Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(21), which defines "unprofessional conduct" as including, *"[s]urrender, revocation, suspension, limitation of privilege based on quality of care provided, or any other disciplinary action against a license or authorization to practice medicine in another state or jurisdiction."*

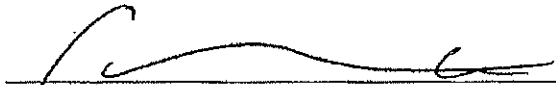
Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent has agreed to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board and is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
3. If ratified by the Board, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;


- b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review; and
 - h. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and FSMB and posted to the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") public website.
4. Respondent agrees to pay, within 5 days of the ratification of this Consent Order, an administrative fee of \$1,100.00 for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaint. Such payment shall be made by certified check, made payable to "**Rhode Island General Treasurer**," and sent to Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 205, Providence, RI 02908, Attn: Lauren Lasso. Respondent will send notice of compliance with this condition to DOH.PRCompliance@health.ri.gov within 30 days of submitting the above-referenced payment.
5. Respondent hereby agrees to this reprimand on his physician license.
6. If Respondent violates any material term of this Consent Order after it is signed and accepted, the Director of RIDOH ("Director") shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action, including immediate suspension of Respondent's medical license. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request, within 20 days of the suspension and/or further discipline, an administrative

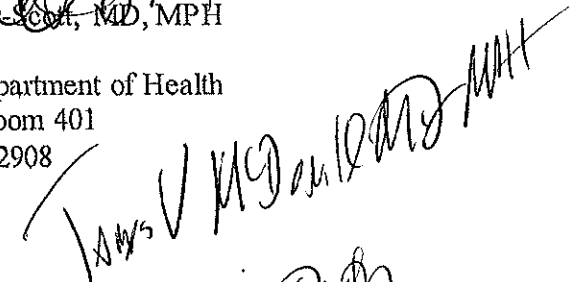
hearing. The Director shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder of Respondent's licensing period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 11 day of March, 2021.


Alexander Jovanovich, MD

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 14th day of April, 2021.


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