

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



**IN THE MATTER OF:
Paula McEvoy M.D.**

CONSENT ORDER

Paula McEvoy, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") has applied for a license to practice medicine in Rhode Island.

Respondent was granted a Massachusetts license in 1997 under license number 152936. Respondent is a 1994 graduate of University of Massachusetts Medical School. Respondent is board certified in Pediatrics.

Respondent entered into an agreement on September 25, 2013 with the Board of Registration in Massachusetts (here after Mass Board) to voluntarily cease the practice of medicine. The facts and circumstances that preceded Respondent entering into this agreement included Respondent self-reporting to the Mass Board a circumstance in which she consumed alcohol in a clinical setting while seeing patients. On September 24, 2015 Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Mass Board that found that she violated Massachusetts G.L. c. 112 5(d) and 243 CMR 1.03 (5) (a) (4), and her license was placed on indefinite suspension.

Respondent entered into a subsequent agreement with the Mass Board allowing her to be on probation with conditions and the suspension of her license was stayed. Respondent violated the probation in September of 2015 by consuming alcohol and her license was suspended.

The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter the "Board") makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent has applied for a license in Rhode Island and has presented substantial evidence of remediation from the underlying violation.
2. Respondent has been monitored by the Massachusetts Physicians Health Committee and has transferred this monitoring, as well as monitoring results, to the Rhode Island Physician Health Program.
3. Respondent was evaluated by the Rhode Island Physician Health Program and has agreed to follow their recommendations, including a 5-year monitoring agreement.
4. Respondent has been evaluated and managed by a treating psychiatrist and has been determined fit to practice medicine.
5. Respondent has been evaluated by a licensed counselor and has been determined fit to practice medicine.

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent accepts and agrees to this Consent Order and understands that it is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
3. Respondent admits that if the same facts and circumstances occurred in Rhode Island as did in Massachusetts from the underlying matter, it would be a violation of Rhode Island General Law 5-37-5 and would be cause for discipline.
4. If ratified by the Board, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

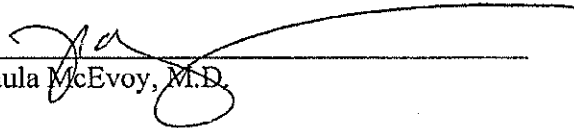
- a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f. All rights of appeal of this Consent Order; and
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review.
 - h. Any objection that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, Federation of State Medical Boards as well as posted on the department's public web site.
6. Respondent agrees to pay an administrative fee to the Board for costs associating with investigating this application by submitting to the Board within sixty (60) days of ratification of this order, a check made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasury in the amount of \$650.00.
 7. Respondent agrees to practice in a group setting with other physicians.
 8. Respondent agrees that she will be granted a controlled substance registration, after obtaining a Rhode Island business address. Respondent agrees she will review the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program prior to prescribing any controlled substance.
 9. Respondent agrees to remain enrolled in a physician health program in Rhode Island for the next 5 years and follow their recommendations. Respondent understands if there is

any violation of his agreement with the Rhode Island Physician Health Program (PHP), the PHP will notify the Board immediately.


10. Respondent agrees to notify the Board if Respondent seeks another license in any other jurisdiction.
11. Respondent agrees to continue to maintain care with her licensed counselor and have said counselor notify the Board if there is a relapse or other condition that affects Respondent's ability to practice medicine. Respondent will obtain prior written approval from the Board if there is a need to terminate care with this provider.
12. Respondent agrees to continue to maintain care with her licensed psychiatrist and have said psychiatrist notify the Board if there is a relapse or other condition that affects Respondent's ability to practice medicine. Respondent will obtain prior written approval from the Board if there is a need to terminate care with this provider.
13. If any term of this Consent Order is violated, after signed and accepted, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to summarily suspend the Respondent's license and/or impose further disciplinary action. If the Director suspends the license and/or imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days of the suspension and/or further discipline. The Director of the Department of Health shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to the Petitioner of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Board may suspend Petitioner's license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder of Petitioner's licensing period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

14. The Respondent's license shall be unrestricted, subject to full compliance and faithful adherence to the conditions established and approved herein by the Board.

Signed this 8th day of February, 2018.


Paula McEvoy, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 14th day of February 2018.


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