

STATE OF NEW YORK: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

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IN THE MATTER

DETERMINATION

OF

AND

DWIGHT M. WILLIAMS, M.D.

ORDER

BPMC 24-121

A Notice of Referral Proceeding and Statement of Charges dated April 5, 2024, were duly served upon Dwight M. Williams, M.D. (Respondent) pursuant to Public Health Law (PHL) § 230(10)(d)(i). (Exhibits 1, 2.) A hearing was held on June 5, 2024, via WebEx videoconference. Pursuant to PHL § 230(10)(e), KENNETH J. STEIER, D.O., Chairperson, RAMANATHAN RAJU, M.D., and BETH R. JACOBSON, ESQ., duly designated members of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, served as the Hearing Committee. NATALIE BORDEAUX, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) served as the administrative officer.

The Department appeared by Marc S. Nash, Esq. The Respondent did not appear. The Hearing Committee received and examined documents from the Department (Exhibits 1-5). A transcript of the proceeding was made. After consideration of the entire hearing record, the Hearing Committee hereby issues this Determination and Order, revoking the Respondent's license to practice medicine. All findings, conclusions, and determinations are unanimous.

BACKGROUND

The Department brought the case pursuant to PHL § 230(10)(p), which provides for a hearing when a licensee is charged solely with a violation of Education Law § 6530(9). The Respondent is charged with professional misconduct pursuant to Education Law § 6530(9)(d), having disciplinary action taken against his medical license in North Carolina after a disciplinary action was instituted

by a duly authorized professional agency of that state, where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York. Under PHL § 230(10), the Department had the burden of proving its case by a preponderance of the evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent was authorized to practice medicine in New York on December 10, 1982, under license number 152712. (Exhibit 3.)

2. Effective January 7, 2022, the Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the North Carolina Medical Board (North Carolina Board) to resolve a complaint regarding the Respondent's prescribing practices and address deficiencies identified during a comprehensive competency assessment examination of the Respondent conducted by the Center for Personalized Education for Professionals (CPEP). The CPEP found that aspects of the Respondent's care of three patients, including medical record keeping and treatment of patients with pain who were receiving controlled substances, were below the minimum acceptable standard of care. The Respondent acknowledged that his conduct in treating these three patients constituted a departure from, or the failure to conform to, the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice. With the Respondent's consent, the North Carolina Board prohibited the Respondent from practicing independently, and from formally supervising or collaborating with a combined total of more than two physician assistants or nurse practitioners. The Respondent also agreed to engage CPEP to develop an Educational Intervention Plan and comply with the direction provided by CPEP in administering the plan. (Exhibit 4.)

DISCUSSION

Although duly notified of the date, time and place of the hearing, the Respondent did not appear on his own behalf or by representative. On April 17, 2024, the Respondent was personally served