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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR :
SUMMARY SUSPENSION AGAINST :
 : DLSC Case No. 17 MED 159
NATASHA R. SHALLOW, M.D., :
RESPONDENT. :

0005403

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Petition for Summary Suspension of Natasha R. Shallow, M.D., was noticed to be presented at 8:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard, on August 16, 2017. At that time, Attorney Yolanda Y. McGowan appeared for the Petitioner, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Legal Services and Compliance (Department). Respondent did not appear.

The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board), having considered the sworn August 2, 2017, Petition for Summary Suspension; the Affidavit of Kelley Foster as evidence; the August 16, 2017, Affidavit of Service of Notice of Presentation and Petition for Summary Suspension of Beth Cramton certifying that a true and accurate copy of the Notice of Presentation of Petition for Summary Suspension, Petition for Summary Suspension and Affidavit of Kelley Foster were sent by certified mail and regular U.S. mail; and having heard the arguments of counsel, hereby makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Natasha R. Shallow, M.D., (DOB March 24, 1984), is licensed by the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 62889-20, first issued on September 2, 2014, with registration current through October 31, 2017. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services is 4468 N. Oakland Avenue, Unit 15, Shorewood, Wisconsin 53211.

2. Notice of the Petition for Summary Suspension was provided to Respondent via certified mail and regular U.S. mail addressed to Respondent at her last-known address of record as indicated in Department records, and at an address believed to be Respondent's current address.

3. On June 27, 2017, the Department received a report from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB Report) claiming Respondent's medical license had been summarily suspended by the Montana Board of Medical Examiners (Montana Board) on January 20, 2017, the Washington Medical Quality Assurance Commission (Washington Commission) on May 25, 2017, and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation on June 7, 2017.¹

¹ The Department is currently awaiting additional information regarding the Illinois action.

4. On April 7, 2017, the Montana Board issued an Amended Notice of Proposed Board Action, Summary Suspension, and Opportunity for Hearing to Respondent which ordered the immediate suspension of Respondent's license to practice as a medical doctor in the state of Montana. The action was based, in part, on the following:

- a. In December 2015, Respondent was assaulted during a New Year's Eve celebration and sustained a possible head injury. After the assault, Respondent began demonstrating bizarre behavior, mood changes, paranoia, suicidality and delusional thinking.
- b. On December 5, 2016, the clinical director for the Montana Professional Assistance Program (MPAP) filed a complaint with the Montana Board after receiving a report of concern from a former friend/colleague stating belief that Respondent was suffering from an acute mental health disorder that was untreated and – was potentially experiencing a psychotic episode.
- c. Respondent made written contact with MPAP following the clinical director's efforts to communicate with her. She refused any offers of help in her correspondence. Respondent did not respond to MPAP's subsequent attempt to reach her by telephone.
- d. On January 20, 2017, the Screening Panel of the Montana Board summarily suspended Respondent's license after finding Respondent's current mental state impaired her ability to safely practice medicine, and further finding that the health and safety of the public imperatively required emergency action. Respondent was given prior notice of the January 20, 2017, meeting, but did not attend the meeting.

5. On January 25, 2017, the Washington Commission authorized an investigation of Respondent after receiving notice that the Montana Board summarily suspended Respondent's license to practice as a physician and surgeon in Montana. The Washington Commission found, based on the Montana action, that Respondent was unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety, and that the safety of the public required immediate action.

6. Respondent Natasha R. Shallow, M.D., by practicing or attempting to practice under any license when unable or unwilling to do so with reasonable skill and safety engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(2)(a) and is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

7. Respondent Natasha R. Shallow, M.D., by having any credential pertaining to the practice of medicine and surgery or any act constituting the practice of medicine and surgery become subject to adverse determination by any agency of this or another state, or by any federal agency or authority engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(3)(c) and is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

8. There is probable cause to believe that the Respondent has engaged in or is likely to engage in conduct such that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency suspension of the Respondent's license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3) and has authority to summarily suspend the license and registration of Respondent Natasha R. Shallow, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(4) and Wis. Admin. Code ch. SPS 6.

2. Notice has been given to Respondent Natasha R. Shallow, M.D., under Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 6.05.

3. Based on the sworn Petition of Attorney Yolanda McGowan and Affidavit of Investigator Kelley Foster, there is probable cause to believe that unprofessional conduct is occurring, has occurred, or is likely to occur and that public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency suspension of Respondent Natasha R. Shallow, M.D.'s, license and registration.

ORDER

The license and registration of Respondent Natasha R. Shallow, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin is summarily suspended until the effective date of a final decision and order issued in the disciplinary proceeding against Respondent Natasha R. Shallow, M.D., unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

Respondent Natasha R. Shallow, M.D., is hereby notified of her right, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 6.09, to request a hearing to show cause why this summary suspension order should not be continued and is further notified that any request for a hearing to show cause should be filed with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board, 1400 East Washington Avenue, Post Office Box 8366, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8366.

In the event that Respondent Natasha R. Shallow, M.D. requests a hearing to show cause why the summary suspension should not be continued, that hearing shall be scheduled to be heard on a date within 20 days of receipt by the Board of Respondent's request for hearing, unless Respondent requests or agrees to a later time for the hearing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By: Kenneth Jensen, MD
A Member of the Board

8/16/2017
Date