IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE

YASH MEHNDIRATTA, M.D. * MARYLAND STATE

Respondent * BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

License Number D46810 * Case Number: 2224-0191 B

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CONSENT ORDER

On October 29, 2024, Disciplinary Panel B ("Panel B") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") charged **YASH MEHNDIRATTA**, **M.D.** (the "Respondent"), License Number D46810, under the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2023 Supp.).

Panel B charged the Respondent with violating the following statutory provisions:

Health Occ. § 14-404:

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

. . . .

(43) Except for the licensure process described under Subtitle 3A of this title, violates any provision of this title, any rule or regulation adopted by the Board, or any State or federal law pertaining to the practice of medicine[.]

Health Occ. § 14-5C-22.1

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a licensed physician may not employ or supervise an individual practicing polysomnography without a license.

On December 18, 2024, Panel B was convened as a Disciplinary Committee for Case Resolution ("DCCR") in this matter. Based on the 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:

I. Licensing/Background Information

- 1. The Respondent was originally issued a license to practice medicine in Maryland on October 21, 1994, under License Number D46810. The Respondent's license expires on September 30, 2025, subject to renewal.
 - 2. The Respondent is also licensed to practice medicine in Texas and Virginia.
- 3. The Respondent is board-certified in psychiatry and neurology with a specialty in sleep medicine.
- 4. At all relevant times, the Respondent is the owner and medical director of an accredited sleep laboratory¹ ("the Sleep Laboratory") in Maryland.

II. The Complaint

5. On or about November 9, 2023, the Board received a Polysomnographic Technologist Application for Licensure (the "Application") from a polysomnographic technologist (the "Polysomnographic Technologist") who was licensed in Virginia.

¹ For confidentiality reasons, the names of health care facilities and individuals referenced herein, will not be disclosed in this document.

6. In the Application, the Polysomnographic Technologist stated that he was employed as a sleep technologist at the Sleep Laboratory.

III. The Board Investigation

7. As part of the Application process, the Polysomnographic Technologist provided the Board a written statement explaining where he completed his clinical hours. The Polysomnographic Technologist stated:

The hours were completed with the Sleep Laboratory [in Maryland] under the supervision of a Maryland-licensed RPSGT. I also less-frequently worked at the Sleep Laboratory's other lab[oratory] in... Maryland. I worked 40+ hour weeks over the last year with minimal days off, starting in November 2022...[.]

8. The Board also received an attestation from the Respondent which stated, among other things, that the Polysomnographic Technologist engaged in a "comprehensive training program as a polysomnographic technologist with [the Sleep Laboratory in Maryland] for a period exceeding one year." The Respondent also attested that he had personal knowledge that the Polysomnographic Technologist completed core competencies and obtained 546 clinical hours from November 2022 to present.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the Findings of Fact, Disciplinary Panel B of the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent violated a provision of this title, a rule or regulation adopted by the Board, or a State or federal law pertaining to the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(43). Underlying the violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(43) is the Respondent's violation of Health Occ. § 14-5C-22.1(a).

ORDER

It is, thus, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of Panel B, hereby

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

ORDERED that, within **ONE** (1) **YEAR**, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of **\$5,000**. 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; and it is further

ORDERED that, if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the Respondent shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If a disciplinary panel determines that there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact, the hearing shall be before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings followed by an exceptions process before a disciplinary panel; and if a disciplinary panel determines that there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, the Respondent shall be given a show cause hearing before a disciplinary panel; and it is further

ORDERED that after the appropriate hearing, if the disciplinary panel determines that the Respondent has failed to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the disciplinary panel may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or impose a further suspension of the Respondent's medical license with appropriate terms or conditions, or revoke the Respondent's license to practice medicine in Maryland. The disciplinary panel may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine on the Respondent, and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Consent Order shall not be amended or modified, and future requests for amendment or modification will not be considered; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order goes into effect upon the signature of the Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive Director of her designee signs the Consent Order on behalf of Panel B, and it is further

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

4 15 2025 Date Signature On File

Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director Maryland State Board of Physicians

CONSENT

I, Yash Mehndiratta, M.D., acknowledge that I have consulted with counsel before signing this document.

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. § 14-405 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

<u>y-11-25</u> Date

Yash Mehndiratta, M.D. Respondent

NOTARY

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