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### BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of

Alexander Jovanovich, M.D. Kansas License No. 04-40694 Docket No. 21-HA 00080

# AMENDED SUMMARY ORDER

NOW ON THIS 201 day of 2021, this matter comes before Tucker L. Poling, Executive Director, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts ("Board"), in summary proceedings pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537.

Pursuant to K.S.A 77-537 and K.S.A. 77-542, this Summary Order shall become effective as a Final Order, without further notice, if no written request for a hearing is made within 15 days of service. Upon review of the agency record and being duly advised in the premises, the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order are made for and on behalf of the Board:

#### Findings of Fact

- 1. Alexander Jovanovich, M.D. ("Licensee") was issued License No. 04-40694 to practice medicine and surgery in Kansas on or about February 28, 2018. His current license designation is Active.
  - Licensee's last mailing address known to the Board is:
     CONFIDENTIAL
     Licensee's last email address as known to the Board is:
     CONFIDENTIAL
    - 3. The factual basis for this Order is as follows:

- a. On or about August 28, 2020 Licensee entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board of Medicine ("the Iowa Board"). (Bd. Ex. 1)
- b. Per the Iowa Board, following an investigation it was determined Licensee:

"violated the standards of practice for telemedicine in Iowa when [Licensee] 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 issuing prescriptions; and prescribed medications to patients in Iowa based solely on an internet questionnaire." (*Id.*)

- c. The Iowa Board imposed, and Licensee agreed to, as a compromise of a disputed claim, the following discipline as a result of his violations of Iowa law:
  - i. A public Citation and Warning;
  - ii. A \$5,000 civil penalty;
- iii. A requirement that Licensee take corrective action to address deficiencies in his telemedicine practice and to come into compliance with statutes and regulations governing telemedicine in Iowa. (*Id.*)

# Applicable Law

4. Per K.S.A. 65-2836(j) of the Kansas Healing Arts Act, a Licensee's "license may be revoked, suspended or limited, or the licensee may be publicly censured or placed under probationary conditions" where a licensee "has had a license to practice the healing arts revoked, suspended or limited, has been censured or has had other disciplinary action taken, or an application for a license denied, by the proper licensing authority of another state...."

#### Conclusions of Law

- 5. The Board has jurisdiction over Licensee as well as the subject matter of this proceeding, and such proceeding is held in the public interest.
- 6. The Board finds Licensee violated K.S.A. 65-2836(j) by having disciplinary action taken against him by the Iowa board.
- 7. Based on the facts and circumstances set forth herein, the use of summary proceedings in this matter is appropriate, in accordance with the provisions set forth in K.S.A. 77-537(a), in that the use of summary proceedings does not violate any provision of law, and the protection of the public interest does not require the Board to give notice and opportunity to participate to persons other than Licensee.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Licensee is PUBLICLY CENSURED, and that Licensee is assessed a CIVIL FINE in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for violations of the Healing Arts Act, due within thirty (30) days after this Order becomes a Final Order. Such fine shall be paid to the "Kansas State Board of Healing Arts," in full. All monetary payments, which shall be in the form of check or money order, relating to this Summary Order shall be mailed to the Board certified and addressed to:

Compliance Coordinator
Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
800 SW Jackson, Lower Level – Suite A
Topeka, KS 66612
KSBHA ComplianceCoordinator@ks.gov

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon becoming effective as a Final Order, this document shall be deemed a public record and be reported to any reporting entities authorized to receive such disclosure.

Dated this 26 day of May 2021.

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS

Tucker L. Poling
Executive Director

## FINAL ORDER NOTICE OF RIGHTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this is a Final Order. A Final Order is effective upon service. A party to an agency proceeding may seek judicial review of a Final Order by filing a petition in the District Court as authorized by K.S.A. 77-601, *et seq.* Reconsideration of a Final Order is not a prerequisite to judicial review. A petition for judicial review is not timely unless filed within 30 days following service of the Final Order. A copy of any petition for judicial review must be served upon Tucker L. Poling, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A, Topeka, KS 66612.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **FINAL ORDER** was served this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021 by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class, postage prepaid, and addressed to:

Alexander Jovanovich, M.D. CONFIDENTIAL

Licensee

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And a copy was hand-delivered to:

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And the original was filed with the office of the Executive Director.

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