AGENDA CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 20, 2021 at 1:30 PM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Frank Podarsky, DDS – Petition No. 2021-390

Motion for Summary Suspension – Presented by Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH

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SUMMARY SUSPENSION COVER SHEET

In re: Frank Podrasky, DDS Petition No. 2021-390

- 1. Frank Podrasky of East Haven, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") was issued Connecticut dental license number 006522 in 1984.
- 2. From approximately 2021 through the present, respondent has or had physical, mental illnesses and/or emotional disorders ("diagnoses").
- 3. On multiple occasions from approximately 2000 through April 2021, respondent abused or utilized to excess alcohol.
- 4. Respondent's diagnoses and/or abuse or utilization to excess of alcohol does and/or may affect his practice of dentistry.
- 5. For the foregoing reasons, the Department believes that respondent's continued practice of dentistry represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety. The Department respectfully requests that the Connecticut State Dental Commission summarily suspend respondent's license until a full hearing on the merits can be held.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH

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MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") hereby moves, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §§4-182(c) and 19a-17(c), the Connecticut State Dental Commission to summarily suspend Frank Podrasky's Connecticut dental license. This motion is based on the attached Statement of Charges, records and on the Department's information and belief that respondent's continued practice of dentistry represents a clear and immediate danger

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut on July 2, 2021.

to the public health and safety.

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STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health ("the Department") brings the following charges against Frank Podrasky:

- 1. Frank Podrasky of East Haven, Connecticut ("respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut dental license number 006522.
- 2. From approximately 2021 through the present, respondent has or had physical, mental illnesses and/or emotional disorders ("diagnoses").
- 3. On multiple occasions from approximately 2000 through April 2021, respondent abused or utilized to excess alcohol.
- 4. Respondent's diagnoses and/or abuse or utilization to excess of alcohol does and/or may affect his practice of dentistry.
- 5. The above describe facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §20-114(a), including but not limited to §\$20-114(a)(2), 20-114(a)(9), and/or 20-114(a)(10).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Connecticut State Dental Commission, as authorized by the Connecticut General Statutes §§20-114a and 19a-17, revoke or order other disciplinary action against respondent's dental license as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

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