

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,**

**PETITIONER,**

**v.**

**CASE NO. 2017-10171**

**CANDACE SUE COOLEY, M.D.,**

**RESPONDENT.**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT**

Petitioner Department of Health (Department) files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Medicine (Board) against Respondent Candace Sue Cooley, M.D., and in support thereof alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of medicine pursuant to Section 20.43, Florida Statutes; Chapter 456, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 458, Florida Statutes.

2. At all times material to this Complaint, Respondent was licensed to practice as a physician within the State of Florida, having been issued license number ME 77965.

3. At all times material to this Complaint, Respondent's address of record was 4221 Commons Drive, #2207, Destin, Florida 32541.

4. On or about October 13, 2017, Dr. Jordan Iserman, a physician

specializing in addiction medicine, evaluated Respondent.

5. Dr. Iserman diagnosed Respondent with Alcohol Use Disorder, severe and/or Alcohol Induced Depressive Disorder.

6. Dr. Iserman opined that Respondent was not able to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

7. Section 458.331(1)(s), Florida Statutes (2017), subjects a physician to discipline, including suspension, for "being unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition."

8. Respondent is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of one or more of the following:

- a. Alcohol Use Disorder, severe; and/or
- b. Alcohol Induced Depressive Disorder.


9. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 458.331(1)(s), Florida Statutes (2017).

**WHEREFORE**, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties: permanent revocation or suspension of Respondent's license, restriction of practice, imposition of

an administrative fine, issuance of a reprimand, placement of Respondent on probation, corrective action, refund of fees billed or collected, remedial education and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

SIGNED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

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### **NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

**Respondent has the right to request a hearing to be conducted in accordance with Section 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoena and subpoena duces tecum issued on his or her behalf if a hearing is requested. A request or petition for an administrative hearing must be in writing and must be received by the Department within 21 days from the day Respondent received the Administrative Complaint, pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(2), Florida Administrative Code. If Respondent fails to request a hearing within 21 days of receipt of this Administrative Complaint, Respondent waives the right to request a hearing on the facts alleged in this Administrative Complaint pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(4), Florida Administrative Code. Any request for an administrative proceeding to challenge or contest the material facts or charges contained in the Administrative Complaint must conform to Rule 28-106.2015(5), Florida Administrative Code.**

**Mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available to resolve this Administrative Complaint.**

### **NOTICE REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

**Respondent is placed on notice that Petitioner has incurred costs related to the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Pursuant to Section 456.072(4), Florida Statutes, the Board shall assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of a disciplinary matter, which may include attorney hours and costs, on the Respondent in addition any other discipline imposed.**