

**Before the  
New Hampshire Board of Medicine  
Concord, New Hampshire**

**In the matter of:  
Charlene Gail Sanders, M.D.  
(Application for License)**

**Docket No. 10-07**

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER OF DENIAL**

Now before the Board of Medicine ("Board") is the December 8, 2009 Application for Licensure of Charlene Gail Sanders, MD ("the Applicant" or Dr. Sanders").

The application was not sufficiently complete to permit Board action until May 10, 2010. The Board reviewed Dr. Sanders' application for license at its regularly scheduled meeting of July 7, 2010. Based upon information in the application and its standard procedures, the Board referred the application to its Medical Review Subcommittee ("MRSC") for review. The MRSC forwarded the matter to the Administrative Prosecutions Unit ("APU") at the Office of the Attorney General. The APU prepared a Report of Investigation ("ROI") for the Board's regularly scheduled September meeting of September 1, 2010. The Board reviewed the ROI, which was based on information contained in Dr. Sanders' application for licensure before the Board and on various documents from the Elliot Hospital, which were generated in conjunction with Dr. Sanders' application for practice privileges at the Elliot Hospital.

On September 1, 2010, the Board voted to Deny Dr. Sanders' application to practice medicine in New Hampshire. The grounds for denial were based upon a determination under RSA 329:14, II. On September 7, 2010, the Board issued an Order of Conditional Denial. Following Dr. Sanders' timely request for a hearing on the denial, the Board issued an Order to Show Cause and Notice of Hearing on February 14, 2011. In a joint motion filed with the Board on June 24, 2013 the parties requested that the Board issued this agreed upon Final Order. Accordingly, on July 3, 2013, the Board voted to accept and issue this Final Decision and Order denying Dr. Sanders' application to practice medicine in New Hampshire.

The Board's determination that Dr. Sanders' application is denied is based on its following findings of fact:

1. Dr. Sanders applied for privileges at Elliot Hospital, and she completed that application on October 23, 2009.
2. During the application process, Dr. Sanders provided the Elliot Hospital with two different dates of birth.
3. Dr. Sanders' application contained an incorrect date of birth ("DOB"), 7/27/59. She also submitted a photocopy of her driver's license with the same incorrect DOB.
4. Dr. Sanders was interviewed by the Elliot Credentialing Committee on January 6, 2010. She was asked to show her driver's license, which showed the correct DOB of 7/27/57. When Dr. Sanders was questioned about the different dates of birth that were provided, she responded that she had had her identity stolen in the past which was why she changed her DOB. When asked why the DOB was listed incorrectly on her application, Dr. Sanders responded that she had assistance in completing the application and someone might have erred when they completed the date.
5. On August 18, 2009, two months before Dr. Sanders submitted her application to the Elliot Hospital, a recruitment company submitted curriculum vitae to the Elliot Hospital on Dr. Sanders' behalf. The curriculum vitae indicated that Dr. Sanders had completed a "Clinical and Research Fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine" at the Children's Hospital, Department of Emergency Medicine and the University of Southern California School of Medicine, located in Los Angeles. The dates given for this fellowship are 6/89 through 7/90. When the Elliot Hospital contacted the program director at Children's Hospital, who had not been affiliated with Children's Hospital in 1989 or 1990, he reported that Dr. Sanders did not do a fellowship, but instead worked shifts as a per diem.
6. During the January 6, 2010 interview, Dr. Sanders was asked about this fellowship. She was asked to provide a contact who could verify her fellowship. Dr. Sanders provided the name Lynnelle Guy, Financial Counselor for the Division of Emergency and Transport

Medicine, who had been affiliated with the hospital since 1989. The Elliot Hospital contacted Ms. Guy, and eventually received confirmation of Respondent's fellowship from another physician. Due to discrepancies in this confirmation, the Elliot Hospital again contacted the program director. He confirmed that Dr. Sanders did not do a fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the Children's Hospital. The physician who filled out the form did not have authority to respond to this request. The director also reported that Children's has had a formal fellowship program in Pediatric Emergency Medicine since 1981.

7. The curriculum vitae submitted by the recruitment company also noted that Dr. Sanders was Board certified in Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Adolescent Medicine. The Elliot Hospital could not verify that she was Boarded and questioned Dr. Sanders about her Board Certification. She directly provided the Elliot Hospital with a curriculum vitae with her application on October 23, 2009. The CV submitted directly by Dr. Sanders did not contain any reference to the Clinical and Research Fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Instead of stating "Board Certified in Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Adolescent Medicine," the CV stated "Board Eligible in Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Adolescent Medicine."
8. Dr. Sanders advised the Elliot Hospital that earlier versions of her CV did not come from her and said they "were 'open' e-documents from files held and presented by physician search company(s) engaged by hospital recruitment specialists. They might have changed things."
9. The Elliot Hospital later determined that Dr. Sanders had provided the recruitment company with the August 18, 2009 version of her curriculum vitae.
10. Dr. Sanders has never been Board certified in Pediatric Emergency Medicine.
11. On March 12, 2010, the American Board of Pediatrics revoked Dr. Sanders' certification in general pediatrics for two years. This action was based on a report that she had submitted

incorrect information regarding her certification in two subspecialties when applying for privileges at a hospital.

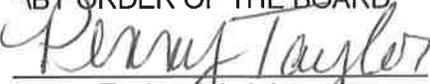
Based on the above findings of fact, the Board finds that Dr. Sanders provided or caused to be provided on her behalf false information during the application process for her privileges at the Elliot Hospital and that such conduct violates RSA 329:17, VI. The Board further finds that providing or allowing to be provided false information during the credentialing process raises questions about Dr. Sanders' judgment. RSA 329:14, II authorizes the Board to deny licensure if circumstances exist which would be grounds for disciplinary action against a licensed physician pursuant to RSA 329:17, VI.

THEFEFORE IT IS ORDERED that the license application of Charlene Gail Sanders, MD, be denied; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Final Decision and Order of Denial shall become a permanent part of Dr. Sanders' file, which is maintained by the Board as a public document that the Board may publicly disseminate; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Final Decision and Order of Denial shall take effect on the date an authorized representative of the Board signs it.

DATE: 7/19/2013

\*BY ORDER OF THE BOARD  
  
Penny Taylor, Administrator  
Authorized Representative of the  
New Hampshire Board of Medicine

\*\Board members Robert P. Cervenka, M.D. and Amy Feitelson, M.D., recused.