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STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION

BOSTON: At its meeting today, the State Board of Registration in Medicine took action against the medical licenses of Thomas J. Eder, M.D., Ann Marie Madigan, M.D., Annette Chen, M.D., Michael N. Kessler, M.D., Kern Bayard, M.D. and Elliot Schildkrout, M.D.

The Board indefinitely suspended the license of Dr. Thomas J. Eder. The suspension was immediately stayed upon Dr. Eder's entry into a Consent Order and Probation Agreement requiring that he consent to a Board-approved practice monitor until 2011, and complete a course on maintaining boundaries for medical professionals. The Board found that Dr. Eder made inappropriate sexual remarks to a patient in October 2005. In January 2006 Dr. Eder entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice. Dr. Eder is a 1979 graduate of Faculte de Medecine in Belgium, and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1984. He is board certified in pediatrics.

Dr. Ann Marie Madigan was reprimanded, fined \$10,000 and required to participate in professional ethics program. The Board found that Dr. Madigan behaved inappropriately in her post-termination conduct with a former patient, and repeatedly lied to Board staff and Board members in both written submissions and in appearances before the Complaint Committee of the Board. Dr. Madigan is a 1989 graduate of Boston University School of Medicine, and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1991. She is a board certified psychiatrist.

Dr. Michael N. Kessler's statutory right to renew his license was revoked. His license expired in 2001. The Board found that Dr. Kessler had engaged in sexually exploitative behavior by exposing himself in public. His license was revoked in 2003 by New York for failing to disclose that he had been terminated by Cambridge Health Alliance. He is appealing that decision by the New York medical board. Dr. Kessler is a 1997 graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, and held a Massachusetts license from July 2001 until it expired in December 2001.

The Board reprimanded Dr. Annette Chen, finding that she practiced medicine for approximately two weeks after her license expired. Dr. Chen is a board certified OB/GYN. She is a 1992 graduate of Harvard Medical School, and was first licensed to practice in Massachusetts in 1995.

The Board also reprimanded Dr. Kern Bayard for continuing to practice medicine for several weeks after his license expired. Dr. Bayard is a 1988 graduate of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1990. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

In a final matter, the Board accepted the resignation of the medical license of Dr. Elliot Schildkrout. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from practice. Dr. Schildkrout is a 1973 graduate of New York University School of Medicine, and has been licensed in Massachusetts since 1974. He is board certified in psychiatry.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 30,000 physicians, osteopaths and acupuncturists. The Board was created in 1894 to protect the public health and safety by setting standards for the practice of medicine and ensuring that doctors who practice in the Commonwealth are appropriately qualified and competent. The Board investigates complaints, holds hearings and determines sanctions. More information is available at www.massmedboard.org.

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