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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
:
WILLIAM J. WASHINGTON, M.D., :
RESPONDENT. : ORDER 0001431

[Division of Enforcement Case #10 MED 423]

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

William J. Washington, M.D.
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Seattle, WA 98116

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Department of Safety and Professional Services
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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Medical Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. William J. Washington, M.D., (“Respondent”) was born on September 4, 1976 and is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin (license #51945-20). This license was first granted on July 17, 2008. This license expired on October 31, 2011 and has not been renewed. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3), Respondent retains the right to renew upon payment of a fee until October 31, 2016.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is 3504 Beach Drive SW, Seattle, Washington 98116.

3. Respondent is also licensed to practice medicine in the State of Washington, Ohio and Illinois.

4. In May 2008, while Respondent was residing and working in Ohio, Respondent was charged with Possession of Drugs and Driving Under Suspension. Respondent subsequently pled guilty to both charges.

5. In April 2009, the State Medical Board of Ohio determined that Respondent's ability to practice medicine was impaired due to drug abuse. The Ohio Board revoked Respondent's medical license on March 10, 2010.

6. On April 6, 2010, Respondent entered into a six-month diagnostic monitoring program with the Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP). Among other things, the contract required complete abstinence from mood-altering substances, including alcohol, random urine toxicology testing, and twice-monthly face-to-face meetings with WPHP staff. Respondent completed the six-month contract in October 2010 with no positive urine toxicology test and no unexcused absences. WPHP determined that Respondent was stable, that chemical dependency could be ruled out, and that Respondent could practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

7. On December 9, 2010, Respondent entered into a Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Agreed Order with the State of Washington, Department of Health, Medical Quality Assurance Commission.

8. As a part of the Washington Agreed Order, Respondent is on probation for a period of at least four years and ordered to do the following:

- a. Submit to random and observed biological fluid testing drug screens at least three times per month for the duration of his probation;
- b. Maintain a log of all medication taken by or administered to Respondent;
- c. Abstain from use of certain drugs;
- d. Attend an ethics course;
- e. Provide quarterly declarations of compliance; and
- f. Compliance appearances every 12 months.

9. Respondent currently resides and practices in the State of Washington and is in compliance with the May 17, 2010 State of Washington Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent, by having his license limited in Washington, has committed unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.02(2)(q) and is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The stipulation of the parties is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. Respondent, William J. Washington, M.D., is **REPRIMANDED**.
3. Respondent is to maintain full and complete compliance with all terms, limitations and conditions imposed against his medical license by the State of Washington, Department of Health, Medical Quality Assurance Commission.
4. Respondent shall provide the State of Wisconsin Medical Examining Board with a copy of any document issued by the State of Washington, Department of Health, Medical Quality Assurance Commission which alters the conditions of Respondent's continued practice of medicine in the State of Washington, including any document advising reinstatement of full licensure.
5. In the event Respondent decides to commence practice of medicine and surgery under his Wisconsin license, he shall notify the Board of his intentions and practice address at least ninety (90) days prior to his return.
6. If Respondent ever applies to the Board for any credential:
 - a. Respondent shall provide proof sufficient to the Board that he does not suffer from any alcohol or drug related condition which impairs his ability to function as a physician.
 - b. Respondent shall provide proof sufficient to the Board that he is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the December 9, 2010 Order of the State of Washington, Department of Health, Medical Quality Assurance Commission.

c. Whether to grant a license and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any license granted shall be in the discretion of the Board.

7. Respondent shall pay to the Department of Safety and Professional Services costs of this proceeding in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00) pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.22(2). Payment shall be made payable to the Department of Safety and Professional Services and mailed to the Department Monitor at the address below.

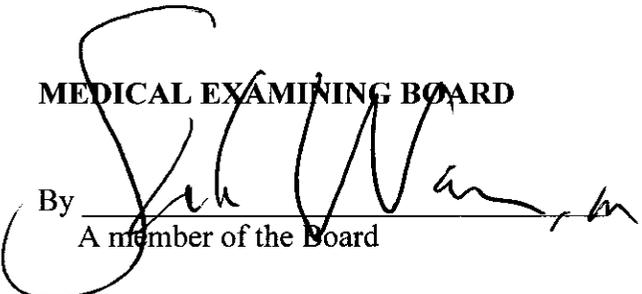
8. All requests, proof, notifications and payment shall be submitted to:

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9. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event that Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered, Respondent's license (#51945-20) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

10. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By  _____
A member of the Board

3/21/12
Date