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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
CHARLOTTE E. HOVEY, M.D., :
RESPONDENT. :

ORDER 0002355

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 MED 290

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

Charlotte E. Hovey, M.D.
1210 N. Oak Park Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60302

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
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 disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Medical Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Charlotte E. Hovey, M.D., (dob: November 4, 1949) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 20-42369, first issued on July 21, 2000, with registration current through October 31, 2013. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 1210 Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60302.

¹ The Division of Legal Services and Compliance was formerly known as the Division of Enforcement.

2. On January 14, 2012, Respondent entered into an Interim Cessation of Practice Agreement (Agreement) with the Colorado Medical Board in which Respondent agreed not to practice as a physician and surgeon in the State of Colorado while the Agreement was in effect. The Agreement was based on a report from the Colorado Physician Health Program (CPHP) that Respondent had a physical or mental illness or condition that rendered her unsafe to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

3. On July 16, 2012, the State of Washington Department of Health, Medical Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) issued a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Order of Default (Failure to Respond). This was due in part to Respondent's failure to respond to a Statement of Charges sent by the Commission on June 5, 2012. The Commission ordered an indefinite suspension of Respondent's license to practice as a physician and surgeon in the State of Washington.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Charlotte E. Hovey, M.D., engaged in unprofessional conduct pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § MED 10.02(2)(q), by having discipline taken against her medicine and surgery license in another state.

3. As a result of the above violations, Charlotte E. Hovey, M.D., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The license of Charlotte E. Hovey, M.D., (license no. 20-42369) to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin is **SUSPENDED** for an **INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME**.

3. Respondent may petition the Board for permission to practice under Wisconsin licensure at any time following the effective date of this Order.

a. In conjunction with a petition by Respondent, the Board shall require current documentation of the status of Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions imposed against her practice of medicine in Colorado and Washington.

b. In the exercise of its discretion, the Board in addition may require a personal appearance by Respondent to answer questions in conjunction with her petition. The Board may in addition require Respondent to undergo and may consider the results of one or more physical, mental or professional competency examinations if the Board believes that the results of any such examinations may be useful to the Board.

c. Denial in whole or in part of a petition under this paragraph shall not constitute denial of a license and shall not give rise to a contested case within the meaning of Wis. Stat. §§ 227.01(3) and 227.42. Upon its completion of review of a petition under this Order, the Board may in its discretion impose such terms and conditions upon Respondent's license as the Board finds appropriate to protect patient and public health, safety and welfare.

4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$50.00 [FIFTY DOLLARS].

5. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

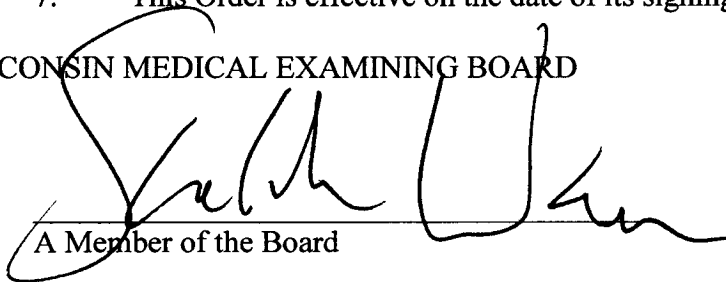
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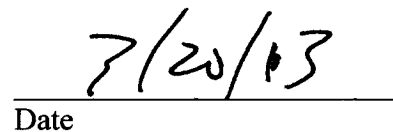
6. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered, Respondent's license (20-42369) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of costs.

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by:


A Member of the Board


Date