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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION
RONALD J. SCHWERZLER, M.D.,	:	AND ORDER
RESPONDENT.	:	

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.16 are:

Ronald J. Schwerzler, M.D.
3674 Pacific Highway
Hubbard, OR 97032

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
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A party aggrieved by this decision may petition the Board for rehearing within twenty (20) days after service of this decision pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 227.12. The petition in this instance would be captioned with Ronald J. Schwerzler, M.D. as the respondent.

A party aggrieved by this decision who is a resident of this state may also petition for judicial review by filing the petition in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county where the party aggrieved resides within thirty (30) days after service of this decision. A party aggrieved by this decision who is not a resident of this state must file the petition for judicial review in the office of the clerk of circuit court for Dane County. A party aggrieved must also serve the board and other parties with a copy of the petition for judicial review within thirty (30) days after service of this decision pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 227.16. The party to be named as respondent in the petition is the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board.

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 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

1. That RONALD J. SCHWERZLER, M.D., Respondent herein, is a physician licensed, but not currently registered, to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin; that his license which bears #16844 was granted July 9, 1969; that his current place of practice is 3674 Pacific Highway, Hubbard, Oregon 97032.

2. That by Order dated July 12, 1982 the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Oregon issued Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order of Revocation and Terms of Probation regarding Respondent and his license to practice medicine in the state of Oregon.

3. That the Oregon Order found that Respondent had habitually or excessively used Talwin, Demerol, Morphine, Dilaudid and Stadol in a course of self administration and not for the treatment of any disease process or ailment. The Oregon Order further found that these actions on the part of Respondent constituted grounds for suspension or revocation of his license to practice medicine in the state of Oregon. The Oregon Order revoked Respondent's license to practice in that state, but stayed execution of the order and placed Respondent on 10 years probation under specified terms and conditions.

4. That the terms and conditions of the 10 years probation imposed under the Oregon Order are as follows:

- (a) Licentiate shall enter an in-patient treatment program designed for the treatment of alcohol and drug abuse in a facility approved by the Board and shall be suspended from the active practice of medicine for the period of time required for completion of said program. He shall further provide that copies of the facility's psychiatric and psychological assessment of his status are provided to the Board.
- (b) Licentiate shall not use, prescribe, administer or dispense any Schedule II drug as defined under Federal Statutes or Oregon State Law or Administrative Rule, except that he may order administration of Schedule II drugs on patient charts in a hospital.
- (c) Licentiate shall not personally use any prescriptive drugs unless the same has been prescribed for him by another person lawfully authorized to prescribe such drugs in the course of treatment for a medical ailment. Licentiate shall inform any treating physician of his prior drug problem.
- (d) Licentiate shall submit a specimen of his blood and/or urine at any reasonable time to any authorized representative or agent of the Board for the purpose of determining whether he has been using alcohol or drugs to excess or in violation of the conditions of his probation.

- (e) Licentiate shall affiliate with and actively participate in Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, or similar program approved by the Board until such time as the Board considers it no longer beneficial or necessary.
- (f) Licentiate shall notify the Chief of Staff and the Administrator at any hospital at which he has privileges, or any other person approved by the Board for reporting purposes of the terms of his probation and shall cause reports of his progress and performance to be submitted to the Board prior to the first days of the months of July, October, January, and April of each year unless the Board orders otherwise.
- (g) The licentiate shall report in person to the Board of Medical Examiners at each of its regular meetings held in Portland, Oregon commencing in October, 1982 unless ordered to otherwise by the Board.
- (h) Evidence of violation of any of the above conditions shall give the Board cause to terminate the licentiate's probationary status and invoke suspension or revocation of his license.

5. That the Chief Investigator for the Board of Medical Examiners of the state of Oregon stated on January 17, 1985 that Respondent has been complying with his terms of probation in that state.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to section 448.02(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

2. That the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has authority to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to section 227.07(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

3. That by having his license to practice medicine granted by the State of Oregon revoked and having been subject to other disciplinary action by the licensing authority for the State of Oregon, Respondent is guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Adm. Code sec. Med 10.02(2)(q) and Wis. Stats. sec. 448.02(3).

ORDER

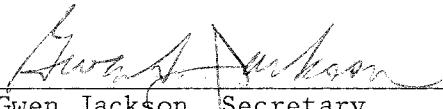
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the attached Stipulation is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent, Ronald J. Schwerzler, M.D., shall not be registered or re-registered to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin until such time as he either:

1. Submits proof acceptable to the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board that he has been fully relicensed to practice medicine in the State of Oregon, without any limitations or probation, or

2. Submits other proof acceptable to the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board that he is no longer chemically dependent and that he may practice medicine in Wisconsin without potential harm to patients or public as a result of his chemical dependency.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 6th day of March, 1985.


Gwen Jackson, Secretary
Wisconsin Medical Examining Board

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