

# WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION & LICENSING



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BEFORE THE STATE OF WISCONSIN  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

RONALD E. SANDERS, M.D.,  
RESPONDENT.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

Glenda Nelson, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and states that she is in the employ of the Department of Regulation and Licensing, and that on October 29, 1991 she served the following upon the respondent's attorney:

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER dated October 24, 1991

by mailing a true and accurate copy of the above-described document, which is attached hereto, by certified mail with a return receipt requested in an envelope properly addressed to the above-named respondent's attorney:

Mark Peter Stevens  
221 West Washington  
Marquette, MI 49855  
Certified P 568 984 297

Glenda Nelson  
Glenda Nelson  
Department of Regulation and Licensing

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 29 day of Oct, 1991.

Donna J. J...  
Notary Public  
Dane County, Wisconsin  
My Commission expires 11/06/94

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

RONALD E. SANDERS, M.D.,  
RESPONDENT.

FINAL DECISION  
AND ORDER

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.53 are:

Ronald E. Sanders, M.D.  
1112 11th St.  
Lake Charles, LA 70601

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

Department of Regulation & Licensing  
Division of Enforcement  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8935

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. Ronald E. Sanders, M.D., date of birth October 31, 1947, is a physician duly licensed and currently registered to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to license number 25103, which was issued January 28, 1983.

2. On October 13, 1982, Respondent entered into an agreement with the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure to surrender his United States Drug Enforcement Administration Controlled Substances Registration Certificate for a period of at least one year. The agreement was a result of an investigation in Mississippi of allegations that Respondent had written prescriptions for Desoxyn (a Schedule II amphetamine) and Preludin (a Schedule II sympathomimetic amine) to Respondent's spouse, otherwise than in the course of legitimate professional practice.

3. The United States Drug Enforcement Administration records indicate that Respondent surrendered his Drug Enforcement Administration Controlled Substances Registration Certificate on September 30, 1983 and has not possessed a US Drug Enforcement Administration Controlled Substances Registration Certificate since that time.

4. On August 13, 1983, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners issued a Consent Order, based upon the Mississippi action, which prohibited Respondent from prescribing, dispensing or administering any controlled substances.

5. That on September 12, 1984, the Michigan Board of Medicine issued a Consent Order, based upon the Mississippi and Louisiana actions, prohibiting Respondent from dispensing, prescribing or giving away controlled substances.

6. In November of 1986, Respondent was admitted for treatment of dependence on alcohol and other drugs at the Hazelton, Minnesota facility. Upon discharge from that program, Respondent did not participate in any aftercare program and maintained abstinence for only six months after which he began excessive use of alcohol and then reverted to cocaine abuse. By the end of 1989, Respondent was self-administering up to 4 grams of cocaine per day intravenously.

7. That on January 4, 1990, the Gogebic County, Michigan Sheriff's Department was contacted by Respondent's roommate who reported that there were men with guns in the trees outside their home. The sheriff's department investigated and they were advised by Respondent that he had seen men outside his home with guns and that he had fired warning shots at those men with his gun. Because there was fresh snow on the ground, the deputies were able to determine there had been no people in the area where Respondent stated he had seen them.

8. That as a result of the incident, Respondent was charged with a misdemeanor criminal offense of reckless use of a firearm. Because of Respondent's conduct, the court ordered that Respondent be admitted to the Newberry Regional Mental Health Center located at Newberry, Michigan, where he was admitted on January 4, 1990.

9. That following Respondent's admission to the Newberry Regional Mental Health Center, he was diagnosed as suffering from psychoactive substance induced delusional disorder, which resolved while he was hospitalized and without access to cocaine, and he was discharged January 5, 1990.

10. On January 8, 1990, Respondent admitted himself to the DePaul Rehabilitation Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for treatment of drug and alcohol abuse. He was discharged from the inpatient program 2/2/90 with final diagnoses of:

- 1 Cocaine dependence syndrome, continuous.
2. Sedative abuse, episodic.
3. Alcohol abuse, episodic.
4. Psychosocial circumstances.

11. Following discharge from inpatient status, Respondent received outpatient therapy at the St. John's Recovery Residence, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which is a halfway house affiliated with the Keystone Recovery Program and DePaul Hospital Addiction and Mental Health Center.

4. That Respondent's conduct in having his license to practice medicine and surgery in other states limited constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Stats., sec. 448.02(3) and Wis. Adm. Code MED 10.02(2)(q).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Stipulation of the parties is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin of Ronald E. Sanders, M.D. is hereby SUSPENDED for a period of 5 years from the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the SUSPENSION shall be STAYED upon Respondent's compliance with the following conditions during the period of the suspension:

1. That Respondent shall comply with all terms and conditions of the consent order entered by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and shall have copies of all reports which are being sent to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners also be sent to the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board.

2. That in the event that Respondent elects to return to the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, the Respondent shall, prior to commencing practice in Wisconsin, notify the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board of that intention and of the location and nature of the practice he intends to have in Wisconsin.

3. Upon Respondent's return to practice in the State of Wisconsin, the following conditions shall apply:

a. The medical director of the DePaul Hospital Addiction and Mental Health Center shall be Dr. Sanders' supervising physician throughout the full term of these conditions. In the event that the medical director is unable or unwilling to serve as supervising physician, the Medical Examining Board shall, in its sole discretion, select a successor supervising physician, giving due consideration to Dr. Sanders' geographical location.

b. Dr. Sanders shall continue in and fully participate in all components of the treatment program, as his supervising physician shall determine to be appropriate for his rehabilitation. Dr. Sanders shall comply with all recommendations of his supervising physician for inpatient or outpatient treatment or both, and shall comply with all aspects of the treatment program as recommended by his supervising physician. All costs of the recovery program shall be the responsibility of Dr. Sanders or his health insurer.

c. Dr. Sanders shall abstain from any and all personal use of controlled substances as defined in Wis. Stats., sec. 161.01(4), except when necessitated by a legitimate medical condition and then only with the prior approval of the supervising physician.


k. Dr. Sanders shall not administer, dispense, prescribe or order any controlled substances as defined by Ch. 161, Wis. Stats.

l. Dr. Sanders shall appear before the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board at least annually to review the progress of his treatment and rehabilitation. Dr. Sanders may petition the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board for modification of the conditions of this Order. Denial of the petition, in whole or in part, shall not be considered a denial of a license within the meaning of Wis. Stats., sec. 227.01(3)(a) and Dr. Sanders shall not have a right to any further hearings or proceedings on any denial, in whole or in part, of his petition for modification.

m. Violation of any term or condition of this Order may constitute grounds for revocation of Dr. Sanders' license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin. Should the Board determine that there is probable cause to believe that Respondent has substantially violated the terms of this Order, the Board may order that Respondent's license be summarily suspended pending investigation of the alleged violation.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Decision to petition the Board for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information."

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 24 day of October, 1991.

  
Michael P. Mehr, M.D., Secretary  
Wisconsin Medical Examining Board

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ATY-1729

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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RONALD E. SANDERS, M.D.,  
RESPONDENT.

STIPULATION

It is hereby stipulated and agreed, by and between, Ronald E. Sanders, M.D., Respondent; Mark P. Stevens, attorney for Respondent; John R. Zwieg, attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement; and, the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board, as follows:

1. Ronald E. Sanders, M.D., Respondent, date of birth: October 31, 1947, is a physician currently licensed and registered to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin; that his license, which bears number 25103, was granted January 28, 1983; that his last address reported to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing is 1112 11th Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601.

2. On September 11, 1990, the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement opened an investigation of Respondent, investigative file 90 MED 361, based upon receipt of an anonymous complaint alleging that: Respondent had been taken into custody by the Gogebic County, Michigan Sheriff's Department in January of 1990; had been transferred to the Newberry Michigan State Hospital, where it was discovered that he was under the influence of cocaine; and, he was then transferred to a drug rehabilitation center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

3. On July 22, 1991, the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, opened an investigation of Respondent, investigative file 91 MED 291, based upon receipt of information from the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners that Respondent was practicing medicine and surgery in that state and that the state of Louisiana had limited Respondent's license to practice.

4. The Division of Enforcement and the member of the Board appointed as the investigative advisor in this matter have reviewed all relevant police reports and Respondent's treatment records.

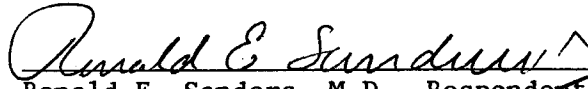
5. Respondent agrees that the attached Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order may be made and entered without further notice to any party.

6. The attorneys for the parties may appear before the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board to argue in favor of acceptance of this Stipulation and the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order.

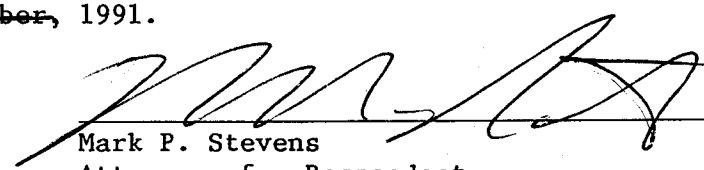
7. In the event that the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board does not accept this resolution of this matter, the Stipulation and Final Decision and Order shall be void and of no effect and the parties agree not to contend that

the Board has been biased in any manner by the submission of this proposed resolution to the Board.

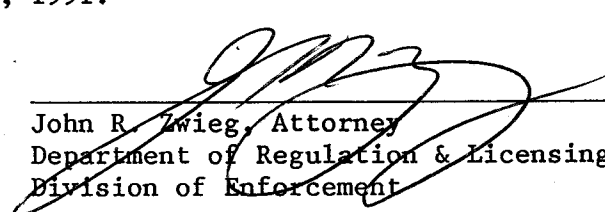
Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1991.

  
Ronald E. Sanders, M.D., Respondent

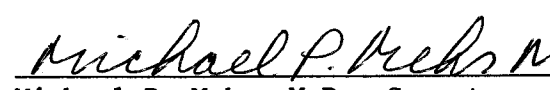
Dated this 15 day of ~~September~~<sup>October</sup>, 1991.

  
Mark P. Stevens  
Attorneys for Respondent

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of ~~September~~<sup>October</sup>, 1991.

  
John R. Zwieg, Attorney  
Department of Regulation & Licensing  
Division of Enforcement

Dated this 24 day of October, 1991.

  
Michael P. Mehr, M.D., Secretary  
Wisconsin Medical Examining Board

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## **NOTICE OF APPEAL INFORMATION**

**(Notice of Rights for Rehearing or Judicial Review,  
the times allowed for each, and the identification  
of the party to be named as respondent)**

**The following notice is served on you as part of the final decision:**

### **1. Rehearing.**

**Any person aggrieved by this order may petition for a rehearing within 20 days of the service of this decision, as provided in section 227.49 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a copy of which is attached. The 20 day period commences the day after personal service or mailing of this decision. (The date of mailing of this decision is shown below.) The petition for rehearing should be filed with the State of Wisconsin Medical Examining Board.**

**A petition for rehearing is not a prerequisite for appeal directly to circuit court through a petition for judicial review.**

### **2. Judicial Review.**

**Any person aggrieved by this decision has a right to petition for judicial review of this decision as provided in section 227.53 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a copy of which is attached. The petition should be filed in circuit court and served upon the State of Wisconsin Medical Examining Board**

**within 30 days of service of this decision if there has been no petition for rehearing, or within 30 days of service of the order finally disposing of the petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition by operation of law of any petition for rehearing.**

**The 30 day period commences the day after personal service or mailing of the decision or order, or the day after the final disposition by operation of the law of any petition for rehearing. (The date of mailing of this decision is shown below.) A petition for judicial review should be served upon, and name as the respondent, the following: the State of Wisconsin Medical Examining Board.**

**The date of mailing of this decision is October 29, 1991.**