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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
	:	
RICHARD A. HOVERSTEN, M.D.,	:	LS0307231MED
RESPONDENT	:	03 MED 72

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

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The prosecutor and respondent in this matter agreed to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has now reviewed this Stipulation, and approves it.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is Richard Arnie Hoversten, M.D., dob 11/21/57, who is licensed as a physician and surgeon in Wisconsin pursuant to license #29089, first granted on 2/24/88. Respondent is certified by the American Board of Family Practice.

2. Respondent was diverted to the Impaired Professionals Procedure in 1999 for opioid dependence, but was discharged from IPP on February 19, 2003, for failure to submit reports, and for relapsing, in that his urine tested positive for unprescribed hydrocodone and codeine on 9/19/02. Respondent entered inpatient or residential

treatment in the fall of 2002.

3. Respondent's license was summarily suspended by the Arizona Medical Board on 1/24/03 on the same basis as his discharge from the Wisconsin IPP, with final discipline being imposed on 5/14/03. Respondent's Arizona license is placed on probation for 5 years with quarterly reporting and required drug screening and rehabilitation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

B. The conduct described in ¶2, above, violated § Med 10.02(2)(p), Wis. Adm. Code. The conduct described in ¶3, above, violated § Med 10.02(q), Wis. Adm. Code. All of this constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of the Code and statutes.

ORDER

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the SURRENDER of the license and registration to practice medicine and surgery, including any right to reinstate or renew that license, of Richard A. Hoversten, MD, is ACCEPTED, effective the date of this Order. Respondent shall not practice medicine or surgery in Wisconsin unless properly licensed and registered.

Dated this July 23, 2003.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Alfred Franger

A Member of the Board