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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

REY R. PALOP, M.D., RESPONDENT. LS0403174MED

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

Rey R. Palop, MD 3307A Eau Claire Ave Schofield, WI 54476

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

Department of Regulation and Licensing Division of Enforcement P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

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 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. Respondent Rey R. Palop (dob 4/13/57) is and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein a physician and surgeon licensed in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license #45164, first granted on 11/22/02. Respondent is a family practitioner, and is presently in the military service of the United States (Air Force).
- 2. Respondent is charged in Marathon County Circuit Court with 11 counts of feloniously being a party to obtaining controlled substances by fraud, in violation of §961.43(1)(a), Wis. Stats.
- 3. The underlying facts are that while he was a resident and contrary to the rules governing his residency, respondent wrote a number of prescriptions for Fioricet #3®, a controlled substance containing codeine, for his wife; these prescriptions were written in the name of a fictitious patient and were presented to local pharmacies by respondent's wife, who received the medications. At the time, respondent's wife was also being treated by other physicians for migraine headaches, with the same medication.
 - 4. Respondent has surrendered his DEA registration, effective 10/10/03.

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 ¶3, above, violated § Med 10.02(2)(r), Wis. Adm. Code. Such conduct 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 Rey R. Palop, M.D., is REPRIMANDED for his unprofessional conduct in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the license to practice medicine and surgery of respondent is LIMITED in the following respect: respondent shall not apply for or hold a DEA registration without the express permission of the Board. Respondent may apply for such permission when he has taken and satisfactorily completed the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey course "PRIM-E: Professional Renewal in Medicine through Ethics." Respondent may propose any other course which is a reasonable equivalent, but any such alternative shall require pre-approval of the Board or its designee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that respondent shall pay the COSTS of investigating and prosecuting this matter of \$400 within 30 days of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to §448.02(4), Wis. Stats., if the Board determines that there is probable cause to believe that respondent has violated any term of this Final Decision and Order, the Board may order that the license and registration of respondent be summarily suspended pending investigation of the alleged violation.

Dated this March 17, 2004.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Alfred Franger A Member of the Board