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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
	:	
HAL BLAKE RIDGWAY, M.D.,	:	<u>ORDER 0000148</u>
RESPONDENT.	:	

Division of Enforcement Case No. 07 MED 092

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

Hal Blake Ridgway, M.D.
1007 N. Atlantic Drive
Lantana, FL 33462

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Department of Regulation and Licensing
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
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Medical Examining Board
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

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. Hal Blake Ridgway, M.D. (DOB September 9, 1950), holds a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin (#20170-20) which was first granted on July 16, 1976. Respondent's registration to practice under that license expired on October 31, 2007 and Respondent holds the right to renew this registration.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is 1007 N. Atlantic Drive, Lantana, Florida 33462.

3. On or about May 22, 1991, Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery was suspended by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board for a period of 5 years as a result of his February 12, 1990 conviction for Homicide by Intoxicated Use of Vehicle, Wis. Stat. § 940.09.

4. On or about February 15, 2007, The State of Florida Board of Medicine issued a Final Order in response to a Settlement Agreement, dated December 21, 2006, indefinitely suspending the license of Respondent until such time as Respondent provides the Board with adequate evidence that he is capable of practicing with reasonable skill and safety. A true and correct copy of the Florida Board's Order is attached to this document as Exhibit A. Exhibit A is incorporated into this document by reference.

5. On or about December 18, 2008, the Florida Board of Medicine, having found that Respondent had established his ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety, granted reinstatement of Respondent's Florida medical license and placed said license on probation for a period of three (3) years. On or about June 22, 2009, the Florida Board of Medicine issued an Order amending the terms of Respondent's probation with specific requirements and conditions addressing additional CME, review of patient records, random urine screening and continued participation in the Florida impaired practitioner program (Professionals Resource Network). True and correct copies of the Florida Board's additional Orders are attached to this document as Exhibit B. Exhibit B is incorporated into this document by reference.

6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

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 and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The information provided in paragraphs 4, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.02(2)(q).

ORDER

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. HAL BLAKE RIDGWAY is hereby REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. Respondent is to maintain full and complete compliance with all terms, limitations, and conditions imposed against his medical license by the State of Florida Board of Medicine.

3. Respondent shall provide the State of Wisconsin Medical Examining Board with a copy of any document issued by the State of Florida Board of Medicine which alters the conditions of Respondent's continued practice of medicine in the State of Florida, including any document advising reinstatement of full licensure.

4. In the event Respondent ever makes application for reregistration to the State of Wisconsin Medical Examining Board for any credential, the following conditions shall apply:

a. Respondent shall provide proof sufficient to the Board that he does not suffer from any alcohol or drug related condition or other psychological condition which impairs his ability to function as a physician.

b. Respondent shall provide proof sufficient to the Board that he is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the February 15, 2007, Order of the State of Florida Board of Medicine.

c. Respondent shall, prior to becoming credentialed, pay to the Department of Regulation and Licensing costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$450.00 pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.22(2). Payment of costs shall be mailed or delivered to:

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Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone: (608) 267-3817
Fax: (608) 266-2264

5. Respondent shall not practice or attempt to practice medicine or surgery in the State of Wisconsin when not currently registered. Should Respondent reapply for reregistration of his Wisconsin licensure, the Board may in its sole discretion determine whether, and under what terms and conditions, registration may be reinstated.

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 that Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered, Respondent's license (#20170-20) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

7. This Order shall become effective on the date of its signing.

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By Skaila M. MBA 4/21/10
A Member of the Board Date

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