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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ANTHONY R. SANCHEZ, D.D.S., RESPONDENT.

ORDER0000177

[Division of Enforcement Case #06 DEN 014]

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

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A formal disciplinary complaint was filed in this matter on October 7, 2009, by the Division of Enforcement, represented by James E. Polewski. Respondent Dr. Sanchez, represented by Harry R. Hertel of the firm Hertel & Gibbs, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, filed an answer on October 27, 2009. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge Robert G. Pultz, of the Division of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Administration. Prehearing conferences were held, and a hearing was set for May 10, 2010.

The parties in this matter have negotiated a resolution of the matter and agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Dentistry Examining Board. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation, which reflects the agreement of both the Division of Enforcement and Anthony R. Sanchez, and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Anthony R. Sanchez, D.D.S. ("Respondent") was born on November 14, 1972, and was licensed as a dentist in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 5039. This license was first granted on July 3, 1998.
- 2. Respondent's most recent address on record with the Dentistry Examining Board is 243 W. Canyon Drive, Hudson, Wisconsin 54016.
- 3. On August 12, 2008, a criminal complaint was filed against Respondent alleging six counts of knowingly imposing direct charges upon a recipient in lieu of obtaining payment under Wis. Stats secs. 49.45 to 49.47 a violation of Wis. Stats. sec. 49.49(3m), and one count of knowingly presenting a false or fraudulent claim, or any proof in support of such claim, to be paid under any contract or certificate of insurance a violation of Wis. Stats. secs. 943.395(1)(a) and (2)(a).
- 4. On June 30, 2009, Respondent entered into a negotiated disposition, under which, Respondent was convicted of three counts of obtaining funds through a business without lawful authority; theft-business setting less than or equal to \$2,500, a violation of Wis. Stats. sec. 943.20(1)(b). Three counts of knowingly imposing direct charges upon a recipient in lieu of obtaining payment under Wis. Stats secs. 49.45 to 49.47 a violation of Wis. Stats. sec. 49.49(3m) were read in and considered for sentencing purposes, but dismissed. One count of knowingly presenting a false or fraudulent claim, or any proof in support of such claim, to be paid under any contract or certificate of insurance a violation of Wis. Stats secs. 943.395(1)(a) and (2)(a) was dismissed entirely. On July 2, 2009, Respondent was sentenced to send a letter of apology to named victims within 30 days, ordered to register for the Provider Exclusion List maintained by the Federal Office of Investigations, paid \$5,638.20 in restitution, and was assessed fines totaling \$10,500.00.
- 5. Respondent has maintained his innocence as to the underlying allegations, but acknowledges that he entered into a negotiated resolution of the criminal charges; Respondent continues to maintain his innocence of any criminal conduct. Respondent acknowledges that the fact of the conviction can be grounds for discipline under Wis. Admin. Code s. DE 5.02(15), and has agreed to cease practicing in Wisconsin.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §447.07(3), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. The conduct described in paragraph 4, above, constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code § DE 5.02(15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The license of Anthony R. Sanchez, D.D.S., to practice dentistry in the state of Wisconsin is hereby LIMITED until its expiration on October 1, 2011, by the condition that he shall not practice dentistry in the state of Wisconsin.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that

2. The license previously granted to Anthony R. Sanchez, D.D.S., to practice dentistry in the state of Wisconsin may not be renewed for any period on or after October 1, 2011. Anthony R. Sanchez may not petition the Board for reinstatement of a license to practice dentistry in Wisconsin at any time hereafter. The Department of Regulation and Licensing shall henceforth deny any application filed by or on behalf of Anthony R. Sanchez for renewal of a license to practice dentistry in Wisconsin.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars. Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
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- 4. 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 to the suspension in the preceding sentence, impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered, the Respondent's license (# 5039) may, in the discretion of the board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs.
 - 5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Dentistry Examining Board

y: Elane Christian DDS

A Member of the Board

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