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### STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

MATTHEW R. EAGEN, D.V.M., RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0000673

#### Division of Enforcement Case # 07VET060

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

Matthew R. Eagen, D.V.M. 1247 Floyd Avenue Roanoke, VA 24015

Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation & Licensing 1400 East Washington Avenue P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

#### 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 Veterinary Examining Board. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Matthew R. Eagen, D.V.M., ("Respondent"), born on August 22, 1972, was granted a license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Wisconsin on June 29, 2006, pursuant to license number 5941-50. This license expired on December 14, 2009; however, Respondent retains the right of automatic renewal through December 14, 2014.

- 2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board is 16749 Capon Tree Lane, Woodbridge, Virginia 22191. Upon information and belief, Respondent's actual address is 1247 Floyd Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia 24015.
- 3. On October 24, 2008, the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine imposed disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine. The factual basis for the discipline involved Respondent's diversion of one vial of Beuthenasia-D Special (Phenobarbatal sodium and phenytoin sodium) from his employer, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin, for personal use. Respondent was subsequently diagnosed with a bipolar disorder.
- 4. The Virginia Board found Respondent to be in violation of 54.1-3807(4), (5) and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 150-20-140(7). The Order included various terms and conditions on Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine. These terms and conditions included:
  - 1) Continued therapy with present therapist, who shall provide written reports regarding Respondent's mental health status and treatment on a calendar quarterly basis;
  - 2) Continued treatment by a psychiatrist for medication management with written reports regarding Respondent's condition on a calendar quarterly basis;
  - 3) Providing his employer with a complete copy of his Virginia Order and engaging his employer to provided written reports regarding his work performance on a calendar quarterly basis; and
  - 4) Submission of quarterly "Self-Reports" to the Virginia Board regarding his current living and employment status.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 453.07, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. Respondent by having disciplinary action taken against his Virginia license to practice veterinary medicine by the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine, as set out above, is in violation of Wis. Admin. Code §§ VE 7.06 (6) and (8).

#### **ORDER**

## NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. In the event Respondent wishes to resume the practice of veterinary medicine in the State of Wisconsin at a future date, he shall notify the Board at least 60 days prior to his anticipated resumption date, and request the right to reapply. Respondent shall appear before the Veterinary Examining Board, if requested, and shall satisfy the Board as to his competence to resume practice. Evidence of competence may include, but not be limited to, any testing,

evaluation, assessment or retraining the Board deems appropriate for the protection of the public prior to granting any license. Respondent will also be asked to demonstrate the following:

- a) Respondent shall provide proof sufficient to the Board that he has complied with all requirements of the October 24, 2008, Order of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine;
- b) Respondent shall provide proof sufficient to the Board that he is capable of safely and competently resuming practice in the State of Wisconsin;
- c) In the event the Veterinary Examining Board denies Respondent's request for licensure, Respondent shall be accorded the right to request a denial hearing under the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a). In the event the Board grants a limited license, such limitation shall not constitute a denial of a license within the meaning of Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3) (a) and Respondent may not request a hearing on the denial of full licensure or the terms of the limited license.
- d) Respondent shall, prior to reapplying for licensure, pay to the Department of Regulation and Licensing the costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$400.00. Payment of costs shall be mailed or delivered to:

Department Monitor
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

- 2. 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 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 (#5941-50) 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.
  - 3. This Order shall become effective on the date of its signing.

VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

A Member of the Board

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