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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMSON, M.D.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0000966

Division of Enforcement Case No. 10 MED 032

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

Lawrence J. Williamson, M.D.
P.O. Box 1820
Windsor, CA 95492

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

Wisconsin 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 Medical Examining Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Lawrence J. Williamson, M.D., Respondent (D.O.B.: September 17, 1965), is Licensed and currently registered by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 41740-20. Respondent's license was first granted on October 22, 1999, and expires October 31, 2011.
2. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is P.O. Box 1820, Windsor, CA, 95492.

3. On July 29, 2009, the Medical Board of California issued a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order against Respondent for the following reasons:

- a. Between May 2008 and February 2009, Respondent engaged in a pattern of bizarre and inappropriate behavior:
 - i. In May 2008, Respondent was involved in an altercation at a hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, which resulted in him being escorted from the property, and subsequently treated with anti-psychotic and sedative medications at a local emergency room.
 - ii. Also in May 2008, Respondent was pulled over by police after crossing the centerline, and subsequently told the police department he was exempt from traffic laws because he was a physician responding to a medical emergency, which was false. He was charged criminally with giving false information to a police officer.
 - iii. In September 2008, Respondent sent threatening text messages to his estranged wife. He was charged criminally with threatening crime with intent to terrorize.
 - iv. In October 2008, when he was not accepted into the psychiatric practice as a patient, Respondent arrived at the office, began making a scene in the waiting room, and demanded to be seen by a psychiatrist. He was then forced to leave the office, and later filed a complaint against the psychiatrist for unprofessional conduct.
 - v. In February 2009, Respondent was arrested for threatening to harm two different mediators assigned to his ongoing divorce and custody dispute, as well as violating a restraining order prohibiting him from contacting his ex-wife. Due to the behavior he exhibited in Court, the Court Commissioner ordered a competency evaluation.
 - vi. In February 2009, Sonoma County Sheriff's Deputies observed Respondent to be under the influence of unknown substances at a court appearance and during an interview, refusing to allow him to drive his car home. Respondent said he had taken too much medication.
- b. After completing the psychiatric evaluation, Dr. Charles Schaffer concluded that Respondent's primary psychiatric condition is most likely a bipolar disorder. He further determined Respondent's psychiatric disorder is not currently under adequate control and he is not currently psychiatrically stable. Dr. Schaffer found Respondent's psychiatric

condition impairs his ability to function and practice with safety to the public.

4. On August 28, 2009, the Medical Board of California's disciplinary order became effective, revoking Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the state of California. The revocation was immediately stayed and Respondent was placed on probation for five (5) years, with the following terms and/or conditions:

- a. Respondent shall undergo and complete a psychiatric evaluation (and psychological testing, if deemed necessary) by a board certified psychiatrist. The psychiatric evaluation shall not take place until Respondent has been treated by a psychiatrist and deemed mentally stable for at least three (3) months;
- b. Respondent shall undergo and continue psychiatric treatment throughout the course of probation. Treatment shall occur at least once per week, for at least the first year of probation. Respondent shall ensure the treating psychiatrist submit quarterly status reports to the Medical Board of California;
- c. Respondent shall abstain completely from the use of alcoholic beverages and products, and the personal use or possession of controlled substances, dangerous drugs as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4022, and any drugs requiring a prescription. Does not apply to medications lawfully prescribed by another practitioner;
- d. Respondent shall submit to biological fluid testing upon the request of the Medical Board of California;
- e. An approved, licensed physician shall monitor Respondent's medical practice for at least the first two years of probation, at which time he may only be relieved of this requirement with the approval of his treating psychiatrist. Respondent shall ensure the monitor(s) submit quarterly, written evaluations;
- f. Respondent is prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine for at least the first year of probation, at which time he may only be relieved of this limitation with the approval of his treating psychiatrist, practice monitor, and the Medical Board of California;
- g. Respondent shall provide a copy of the Decision and Accusation to every Chief of Staff or Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to him, any other facility where he engages in the practice of medicine, and every Chief Executive Officer at every insurance carrier that extends malpractice coverage to him;

- h. Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants throughout the entire probation;
- i. Respondent shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, all rules governing the practice of medicine in California, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments, and other orders;
- j. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations of compliance to the Medical Board of California no later than 10 calendar days after the end of the quarter;
- k. Respondent shall comply with the Medical Board of California's probation unit, keep them informed of any travel to areas outside the jurisdiction of California lasting more than 30 calendar days, be available for interviews with the probation unit, and maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's license;
- l. In the event Respondent should leave California to reside or practice, he shall notify the Medical Board of California, in writing, 30 calendar days prior to the dates of departure and return. Respondent's license shall be automatically canceled if the periods of temporary or permanent practice outside of California total 2 years, unless he is on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state, in which case the two-year period shall begin on the date the probation is completed.
- m. If for any reason the Respondent stops practicing medicine in California, he shall notify the Medical Board of California, in writing, within 30 calendar days prior to the dates of non-practice and return to practice. Respondent's license shall be automatically canceled if he resides in California, and for a total of two years, fails to engage in any of the activities described in Business and Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052.
- n. Respondent shall comply with all financial obligations (e.g. restitution, probation costs) no later than 120 calendar days prior to the completion of probation.

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. Respondent by having had disciplinary action taken against his California license to practice medicine and surgery by the Medical Board of California, as set out above, has

committed unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.02 (2)(q), and is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

ORDER

1. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER by Lawrence J. Williamson, M.D., of his license to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin and his right to renew that license is hereby ACCEPTED.

2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall not petition the Medical Examining Board to permit application to the Board for any credential sooner than six (6) months from the effective date of this order. If Respondent ever makes application to the Board for any credential:

- a. Respondent shall provide proof sufficient to the Board that he can practice medicine and surgery with reasonable safety and skill.
- b. Whether to grant a license and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any license granted shall be in the sole discretion of the Board
- c. Respondent shall, prior to becoming licensed, pay to the Department of Regulation and Licensing costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$550.00 pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.22(2).

3. 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

4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By 
A Member of the Board

7/20/11
Date

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