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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
WILLIAM J. HOUGHTON, M.D.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0002061

Division of Enforcement Case No. 12 MED 162

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

William J. Houghton, M.D.
2437 N. Terrace Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
P.O. Box 8935
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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Medical Examining (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, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent William J. Houghton, M.D., (dob: March 10, 1938) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 20-17231, first issued on July 15, 1970 and current through October 31, 2013. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 2437 N. Terrace Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211.
2. At the time of the events set out below, Respondent was employed as a psychiatrist at his office located at 819 N. Cass Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.
3. Respondent began treating Patient X in 2006 and continued to treat her until 2011, which involved managing her medications and psychotherapy. During the time that Respondent was rendering treatment to Patient X, they engaged in a sexual relationship.

4. Respondent has chosen to retire from the practice of medicine and psychiatry. He currently has approximately 300 patients on his caseload.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3) and authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

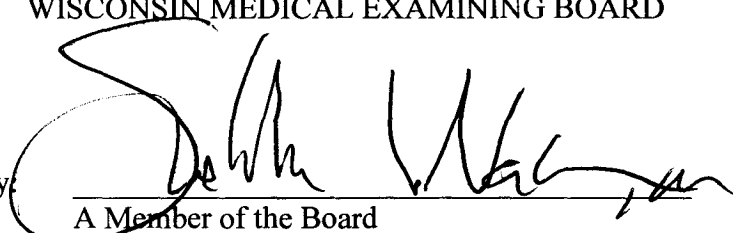
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that William J. Houghton, M.D., will have 30 days from the date of this Order to insure an orderly transition of all of his patients to another treatment provider. During these 30 days, Respondent will not accept any new patients and any direct patient contact with existing patients will be for the sole purpose of transitioning the patients to another provider and insuring continuity of care for the patients.

At the conclusion of that 30 days, Respondent will no longer engage in the practice of medicine and will not reapply for registration to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin at any time in the future and that the Department of Safety and Professional Services will not process any application for renewal of the registration of William J. Houghton, M.D.

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by


A Member of the Board

9/19/12
Date