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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

CAROL HAUGHEY, P.A.,  
RESPONDENT.

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INTERIM ORDER

ORDER 0002310

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 12 MED 388

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

Carol Haughey, P.A.  
4944 N. Larkin Street  
Whitefish Bay, WI 53217

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as an interim disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Medical Examining Board (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 Carol Haughey, P.A., (dob September 25, 1953), is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a physician assistant, having license number 23-311, first issued on March 12, 1982, with registration current through February 28, 2014. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 4944 N. Larkin Street, Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin 53217.

2. Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

3. On November 5, 2012, a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) investigator learned that Respondent's husband had procured large volumes of hydrocodone direct from distributors. Among physicians in Wisconsin who had ordered hydrocodone, Respondent's

husband, a licensed physician, had purchased the tenth highest volume of hydrocodone. At times, Respondent ordered the hydrocodone.

4. On December 4, 2012, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) executed an Administration Inspection Warrant at the location for which her husband is assigned a DEA number. The address, 4944 N. Larkin Street, Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, is Respondent's residential address. The following information was obtained on the same date.

5. A DEA investigator observed that Respondent presented with behavior associated with drug impairment, including a lack of concentration, slow speech and red, glassy eyes. Respondent explains that she had the flu and the officers awakened her.

6. The DEA confiscated, from Respondent's residence, 2687 tablets of various controlled substances, some of which were ordered direct from the distributor(s) by Respondent, or her son, who is not an authorized prescriber. Of these substances, Respondent admitted taking alprazolam, soma, hydrocodone APA and triazolam.

7. There were no records of dispensing the controlled substances to family members.

8. Among other locations in the home, Respondent kept, in her bedroom, a box containing several large stock bottles of controlled substances. Additionally, Respondent kept some non-controlled substances in a bin labeled "stay out" so that her family could not disturb her system for the medications she took and to insure that her son spoke with her before taking any medication.

9. Respondent does not have valid prescriptions for the controlled substances in her possession.

10. In October 2012, Respondent ordered the last of the hydrocodone because she recognized that, "this [volume of hydrocodone] is crazy". She admitted that her husband, son and she were taking too much medication.

11. Respondent has long-term abdominal pain after multiple surgeries. She took the medications primarily to address her chronic pain, and as sleep aids. On February 13, 2012, Respondent stated that she had stopped taking all narcotics. Respondent does not believe she is addicted to her medications and will seek an AODA assessment.

12. Respondent admitted that she dispensed hydrocodone to her son to address his back pain.

13. For the Board's purposes, Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations but has agreed to this Interim 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 pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Carol Haughey, P.A., committed unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MED 10.02(2)(h).

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5. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 961.16(2)(a)7, hydrocodone (dihydrocodeinone) is a Schedule II controlled substance for which a prescription is required.

6. As a result of the above conduct, Carol Haughey, P.A., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Carol Haughey, P.A., license (license no. 23-311) as a physician assistant in the State of Wisconsin is SUSPENDED.

3. Except as set out in paragraph 4, below, Respondent's license shall remain suspended until the Board orders this matter closed, with or without formal action.

4. Respondent may, before final disposition of this matter, petition the Board for a stay of the suspension with proof of the following:

- a. Respondent has completed an AODA assessment by a treater who has been preapproved by the Board's case advisor, and who has reviewed this Interim Order;
- b. Respondent has successfully completed treatment, if any, indicated in the AODA assessment;
- c. For a period of at least three months, Respondent has refrained from the use of any controlled substance except as prescribed by a licensed physician for a legitimate medical purpose. Proof shall be established by random urinalysis through an approved provider at a frequency to be determined by the Board's designee.

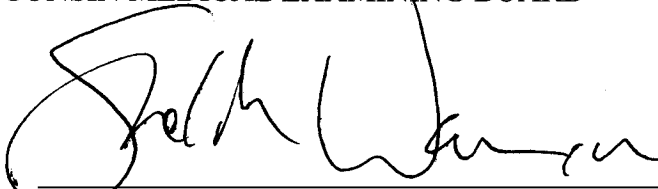
5. The decision of whether or not to stay this suspension at any time before final disposition of this matter is within the Board's discretion, and is not guaranteed.

6. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare.

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by:

  
A Member of the Board

2/20/13

Date