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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

CHRISTO B. VERMEULEN, R.PH.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 PHM 072

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

Christo B. Vermeulen, R.Ph.
1131 Woodside Street
Hartland, WI 53029

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

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
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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 Pharmacy 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 Christo B. Vermeulen, R.Ph. (dob July 3, 1974), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a registered pharmacist, having license number 14295-40, first issued on October 26, 2004, and current through May 31, 2014. Christo B. Vermeulen's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 1131 Woodside Street, Hartland, Wisconsin 53029.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a managing pharmacist at the Pick N Save Pharmacy #6881 in New Berlin, Wisconsin. Respondent's

¹ The Division of Legal Services and Compliance was formerly known as the Division of Enforcement.

employer asked Respondent to work a partial afternoon shift at the Pick N Save Pharmacy #6388 in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, to which Respondent agreed. On October 29, 2012, Respondent was transferred to Pick N Save Pharmacy #6388 and is currently employed as the managing pharmacist.

3. On October 8, 2012, Patient A had two new prescriptions and one refill prescription sent to Pick N Save Pharmacy #6388. Respondent dispensed Patient A's two new prescriptions. A pharmacist at an earlier shift had filled, dispensed, and placed patient A's refill prescription in a sterile bag for pick-up. Respondent transferred all three prescriptions to Patient A and provided a consultation to Patient A.

4. Patient A returned home and discovered that the prescription information of another patient had been mistakenly placed in the monograph of Patient A's refill prescription.

5. During the consultation that he provided to Patient A, Respondent failed to read the information that had been written in the monograph of Patient A's refill prescription to verify that the information was accurate. Respondent represents that this was an unintentional act and apologized to Patient A for this oversight.

6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10(1)(b), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Christo B. Vermeulen, R.Ph., violated Wis. Admin. Code § Phar 10.03(6) by disclosing to the public information concerning a patient without the consent of the patient.

3. As a result of the above violations, Christo B. Vermeulen, R.Ph., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10(1)(b)1.

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Christo B. Vermeulen, R.Ph., is REPRIMANDED.

3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Christo B. Vermeulen, R.Ph., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$500.00.

4. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

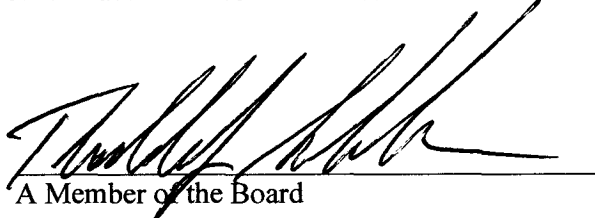
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5. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional 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 costs as ordered, Respondent's license (no. 14295-40) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of costs.

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

WISCONSIN PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

by:


A Member of the Board

4/15/13
Date