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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

LESLIE A. LEPLA, M.D.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 MED 325

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

Leslie A. Leppla, M.D.
900 14th Street
Greeley, CO 80631

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

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

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 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, Leslie A. Leppla, M.D., (dob November 19, 1944), is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 17709-20, first issued on August 19, 1971, with registration having expired on October 31, 2013. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 900 14th Street, Greeley, CO 80631. However, Respondent has indicated this to be the address of a closed office and has provided a new contact address of P.O. Box 10, Greeley, CO 80632-0010

2. On August 16, 2013, the panel for the Colorado Medical Board reviewed information regarding Respondent's prescribing practices for multiple patients. Concerns were

raised about poly-pharmacy prescribing, overprescribing of short and long acting narcotics without adequate monitoring, and inadequate documentation.

3. On August 21, 2013, Respondent signed a stipulation for an Interim Cessation of Practice Agreement with the Colorado Medical Board. Respondent denied allegations of substandard care.

4. By letter dated September 6, 2013, Respondent informed the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board that she is completely retired from practicing medicine, that she has never practiced medicine in Wisconsin, and that she does not intend to renew her Wisconsin medical license. As indicated in para. 1 above, Respondent has indeed declined to renew her Wisconsin medical license, which came due on October 31, 2013.

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

CONCLUSION OF LAW

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).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. The SURRENDER of the license and registration by Respondent Leslie A. Leppla, M.D., (license no. 17709-20) to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin is hereby accepted, effective the date of this Order.
3. This surrender constitutes Respondent's permanent relinquishment of her right to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin. The Board will not, at any time in the future, process or otherwise consider an application or attempt at renewal by Respondent of credentials necessary to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin.
4. If Respondent ever seeks any license under Wis. Stat. chs. 440-480, Leslie A. Leppla, M.D., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$50.00.
5. Payment of costs would be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

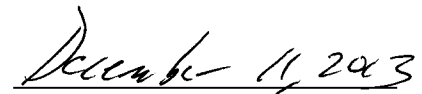
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Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
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6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by:


A Member of the Board


Date

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STIPULATION

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Respondent Leslie A. Leppla, M.D., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

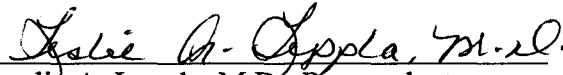
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

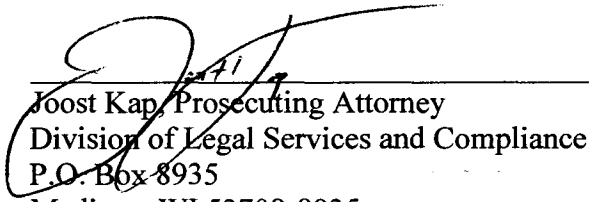
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Leslie A. Leppla, M.D., Respondent
900 14th Street
Greeley, CO 80631
License no. 17709-20

Nov 21, 2013

Date



Joost Kap, Prosecuting Attorney
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

11/25/2013

Date