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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

WILLIAM V. ROBERTS, M.D., RESPONDENT.

0003123

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 MED 160

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

William V. Roberts, M.D. W20581 Howley Lane P.O. Box 4 Arcadia, WI 54612

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board P.O. Box 8366 Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

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 William V. Roberts, M.D. (dob February 18, 1946), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 26231 020, first issued on August 10, 1984, with registration current through October 31, 2015. Respondent is a board certified psychiatrist, certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is W20581 Howley Lane, P.O. Box 4, Arcadia, WI 54612.
- 2. In 2011, Dr. Roberts worked as a psychiatrist with Trempealeau County Health Care Center (TCHCC) and provided services in its Institute of Mental Disease (IMD).

- 3. In the context of that employment, in 2012, Dr. Roberts, along with several others, was named in a lawsuit alleging failure to properly monitor a patient. Dr. Roberts was dismissed from the lawsuit prior to trial pursuant to a small settlement. Dr. Roberts specifically denies any negligence, malpractice or unprofessional conduct on his part.
- 4. Dr. Roberts has indicated that due to age and health, he no longer plans to practice medicine, and wishes to voluntarily surrender his Wisconsin license to practice medicine and surgery and any appurtenant right to renew same.

CONCLUSIONS 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) and 448.02(5).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. The Board accepts William V. Roberts, M.D.'s VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of his Wisconsin license to practice medicine and surgery (license no. 26231 020) and the right to renew that license, effective the date of this Order.
- 3. The respondent may petition the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board for relicensure to practice medicine and surgery in the future. Whether to grant a license and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any license granted shall be in the discretion of the Board, and may require Respondent to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board that his knowledge and skills are current and meet minimum acceptable standards. Alternatively, the Board may enter an order denying such application without further notice or hearing.
- 4. In the event Respondent seeks re-licensure in Wisconsin, prior to any such petition, William V. Roberts, M.D. shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$1,000.00.
 - 5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

: STIPULATION

WILLIAM V. ROBERTS, M.D., RESPONDENT.

0003123

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 MED 160

Respondent William V. Roberts, 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. Respondent is represented by Attorney Jeremy Gill.
- 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

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consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order if adopted in the form 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.
- 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

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