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# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SARAH E. AHRENS, M.D.,

RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 MED 390

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

Sarah E. Ahrens, M.D. 6201 Camino Way Madison, WI 53719

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 Wisconsin 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**

- Respondent Sarah E. Ahrens, M.D., (DOB April 11, 1974), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 52065-20, first granted on August 13, 2008, with registration current through October 31, 2015. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 6201 Camino Way, Madison, Wisconsin 53719.
- In 2014, the Department of Safety and Professional Services began an audit of compliance with the continuing medical education requirements for physicians for the 2012-2013 biennium.

- 3. Respondent's name was randomly selected as a subject of the audit pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.13(1m).
- 4. Respondent failed to demonstrate compliance with continuing medical education requirements for the 2012-2013 biennium, in that she completed only 22.5 hours of acceptable medical continuing education for the 2012-2013 biennium.
- 5. As of the date of this Final Decision and Order, Respondent has complied with continuing medical education requirements for the 2012-2013 biennium.
- 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 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 violated Wis. Stat. § 448.13(1)(a) by failing to complete thirty (30) acceptable continuing medical education hours.
- 3. In violating Wis. Stat. § 448.13(1)(a), Respondent committed unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(1)(a).
- 4. As a result of the above violation(s), Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

## <u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent, Sarah E. Ahrens, M.D., license no. 52065-20, is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 3. Continuing education courses taken by the Respondent on February 26, 2014 and May 2, 2014 have been retroactively applied to the 2012-2013 biennium and may not be used to fulfill continuing education requirements for the 2014-2015 biennium.
- 4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent Sarah E. Ahrens, M.D., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$100.00.
- 5. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

# Department Monitor

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190 Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264 DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

- 6. 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 (52065-20) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs.
  - 7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

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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.

Strake abrem
Sarah E. Ahrens, M.D., Respondent
6201 Camino Way
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License no. 52065-20

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