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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUMMARY
SUSPENSION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

CHARLES R. SZYMAN, D.O.,
RESPONDENT.

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DLSC CASE NO. 15 MED 261

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ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Petition for Summary Suspension of October 14, 2015 was noticed to be presented at 8:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard, on October 21, 2015. At that time, Attorney Joost Kap appeared for the Petitioner, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent did not appear.

The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board) was presented with the following: the sworn October 14, 2015 Petition for Summary Suspension; the Affidavit of Lieutenant David Remiker, and; the October 14, 2015 Affidavit of Service of Notice of Presentation and Petition for Summary Suspension of Beth Cramton. The Notice of Presentation and Petition for Summary Suspension were emailed and mailed (regular and certified mail) to the Respondent on October 14, 2015. The Board, having reviewed and considered the aforementioned and having heard the arguments of counsel, makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Charles R. Szyman, D.O. (DOB February 27, 1951), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 29228-21, first issued on April 22, 1988, with registration current through February 29, 2016. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 515 N. 4th Street, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220.

2. At all times relevant to this matter, Respondent was employed and continues to be employed as a pain management physician by a pain clinic associated with Holy Family Memorial Hospital in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

3. In the course of his practice as a pain management physician, Respondent prescribes unusually large amounts of controlled substances, opioid pain medications in particular, without adequate or any medical support.

4. In the course of his practice as a pain management physician, Respondent prescribes unusually large amounts of controlled substances, opioid pain medications in particular, without adequate or any physical examinations or medical testing.

5. In the course of his practice as a pain management physician, Respondent prescribes unusually large amounts of controlled substances, opioid pain medications in particular, while allowing patients to request specific drugs and dosages.

6. In the course of his practice as a pain management physician, Respondent prescribes unusually large amounts of controlled substances, opioid pain medications in particular, when he knows or should know the prescriptions he writes are being diverted, abused, and are causing the accidental and intentional deaths of patients and others in the community where he practices.

7. The Boards adopts the allegations of fact contained in paragraphs 1 through 34 of the Petition for Summary Suspension as findings of fact in this Order of Summary Suspension.

8. Based upon the above findings of fact contained in paragraphs 1 through 7, there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct and that it is necessary to suspend the Respondent's license, immediately, to protect the public health, safety, or welfare

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3) and has authority to summarily suspend the license and registration of Respondent Charles R. Szyman, D.O., to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(4) and Wis. Admin. Code ch. SPS 6.

2. Notice has been given to Respondent Charles R. Szyman, D.O., under Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 6.05.

3. Based on the sworn Petition and Affidavit of Lieutenant David Remiker, there is probable cause to believe that unprofessional conduct has occurred pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.02(2)(h) (Nov. 2002)¹ and Wis. Admin. Code §§ Med 10.03(2)(b) and (c) (Oct. 2013)², and it is necessary to suspend the license and registration of Respondent Charles R. Szyman, D.O. (no. 29228-21), immediately to protect the public health, safety or welfare.

ORDER

1. The license and registration of Respondent Charles R. Szyman, D.O. (no. 29228-21), to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin is summarily suspended until the effective date of a final decision and order issued in the disciplinary proceeding against Respondent Charles R. Szyman, D.O., unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

¹ For conduct occurring before October 1, 2013.

² For conduct occurring on or after October 1, 2013.

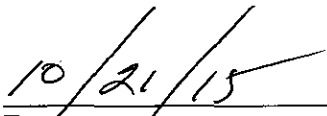
2. A formal complaint will be filed with the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Hearings and Appeals, alleging that Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct, is attached and approved.

Respondent Charles R. Szyman, D.O., is hereby notified of his right, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 6.09, to request a hearing to show cause why this summary suspension order should not be continued and is further notified that any request for a hearing to show cause should be filed with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board, 1400 East Washington Avenue, Post Office Box 8366, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8366.

In the event that Respondent Charles R. Szyman, D.O., requests a hearing to show cause why the summary suspension should not be continued, that hearing shall be scheduled to be heard on a date within 20 days of receipt by the Board of Respondent's request for hearing, unless Respondent requests or agrees to a later time for the hearing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By: 
A Member of the Board


Date