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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

RAVI MURALI, M.D.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 MED 142

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

Ravi Murali, M.D.
139½ 3rd Avenue
Baraboo, WI 53913

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 Ravi Murali, M.D., (dob March 23, 1982), is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 55080-20, first issued on October 27, 2010, with registration current through October 31, 2017. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 139½ 3rd Avenue, Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913.

2. Respondent is also licensed to practice medicine in the states of Virginia and Maryland, but is currently practicing in Wisconsin.

3. On April 8, 2015, the Department received a complaint from an Arizona staffing agency alleging Respondent had submitted what was believed to be a false diploma claiming he had graduated from a 3-year residency program at Louisiana State University Medical School (LSU).

4. The Department's inquiry into the matter revealed that Respondent had in fact dropped out of the LSU residency program after 2 ½ years, and had not returned to complete it as claimed on the diploma.

5. Respondent obtained his Wisconsin credential in 2010 via endorsement, and therefore was not required to present the suspected false residency diploma or otherwise represent to the Board that he had completed the LSU residency program.

6. On June 3, 2015, Respondent appeared via telephone for an investigative interview, during which he made inconsistent statements about his participation in the LSU residency program. When confronted with the suspected false residency diploma, Respondent claimed to have no knowledge of the document or why someone would have created and submitted it to the staffing agency on his behalf.

7. On July 28, 2015, Respondent was confronted with additional evidence suggesting that he created the false residency diploma and submitted it to the staffing agency.

8. Respondent was asked to reconsider his responses to the Department on the matter, to which he responded as follows: "I'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely apologize for not being truthful and honest during our conversation. It was my mistake and I do take complete credibility for my wrong action."

9. 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 Ravi Murali, M.D., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(1)(f) by engaging in any act of fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation, including acts of omission to the board or any person acting on the board's behalf.

3. As a result of the above conduct, Ravi Murali, M.D., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Ravi Murali, M.D., is REPRIMANDED.
3. The medicine and surgery license issued to Ravi Murali, M.D., (license number 55080-20) is LIMITED as follows:
 - a. Within nine (9) months of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete eighteen (18) hours of education in medical ethics.
 - b. Respondent shall be responsible for obtaining the course(s) required under this Order, for providing adequate course(s) descriptions to the Department Monitor, and for obtaining pre-approval of the course(s) from the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board, or its designee, prior to commencement of the course(s).
 - c. The Board or its designee may reject any course(s) and may accept a course(s) for less than the number of hours for which Respondent seeks approval.
 - d. Within thirty (30) days of completion of each educational component, Respondent shall file an affidavit with the Department Monitor stating under oath that he has attended, in its entirety, the course(s) approved for satisfaction of this requirement along with supporting documentation of attendance from the sponsoring organizations.
 - e. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with compliance with this educational requirement.
 - f. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any other continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department.
4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Ravi Murali, M.D., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$490.00.
5. Proof of successful course completion and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be 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

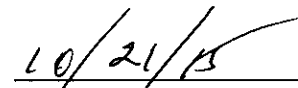
Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of costs as ordered or fails to submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education as set forth above, Respondent's license (no. 55080-20) 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 and completion of the education.

7. 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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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 MED 142

Respondent Ravi Murali, 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.

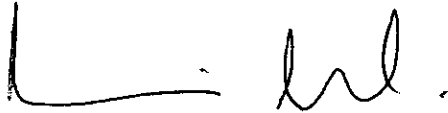
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

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.

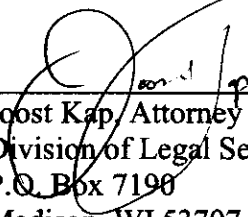
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Ravi Murali, M.D., Respondent
139½ 3rd Avenue
Baraboo, WI 53913
License no. 55080-20

9/26/15

Date



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P.O. Box 7190
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9/23/15

Date