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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

BEFORE THE PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

KEITH A. BECK, D.P.M.,

RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case Number 15 POD 001

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

Keith A. Beck, D.P.M. S30W24670 Sunset Drive, Suite 100 Waukesha, WI 53189

Wisconsin Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing 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 Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing 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 Keith A. Beck, D.P.M. (DOB January 21, 1971) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, having license number 791-25, first issued on July 23, 1999, and current through October 31, 2016. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is S30W24670 Sunset Drive, Suite 100, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53189. Upon information and belief, Respondent resides at 1252 Riverbend Drive, Hartford, Wisconsin 53027.
- 2. In 2005, Respondent began using hydrocodone to control pain associated with carpal tunnel and radial nerve entrapment in his right wrist and forearm. He became addicted to

hydrocodone and ordered it for himself through his practice between January 2006 and March 2012.

- 3. Respondent subsequently self-admitted to a facility for detoxification and was diagnosed with opioid dependence. Respondent arranged to see an addiction counselor and received an aftercare plan.
- 4. On April 2, 2012, Respondent was approved for participation in the Department's Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP).
- 5. The PAP Agreement for Participation (PAP Agreement) had a term of five (5) years. During that time, Respondent agreed to abstain from all personal use of alcohol, among other restrictions and requirements.
- 6. On numerous occasions in 2014, Respondent submitted to drug and alcohol screenings that returned results which were positive for alcohol use. Respondent initially denied consuming alcohol, but subsequently admitted he had consumed alcohol at social events.
- 7. The PAP coordinator discussed the above-described violations with the Wisconsin Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board liaison. Respondent was terminated from PAP and referred to the Department's Division of Legal Services and Compliance.
- 8. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.675, 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, Keith A. Beck, D.P.M., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Pod 2.01(15) by administering, dispensing, prescribing, supplying or obtaining controlled substances as defined in s. 961.01(4), Stats., other than in the course of legitimate professional practice, or as otherwise prohibited by law.
- 3. As a result of the above violations, Keith A. Beck, D.P.M. is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.675.

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent Keith A. Beck, D.P.M. is REPRIMANDED.
- 3. Within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall schedule an AODA evaluation by a professional preapproved by the Board or its designee (Evaluator) and

will undergo the evaluation as soon as possible, but not more than thirty (30) days thereafter. Respondent shall, within five (5) days of scheduling the evaluation, notify the Department Monitor at the contact listed below of the facility and dates on which the evaluation will occur.

- a. Respondent shall execute necessary documents authorizing the Department to obtain records of the evaluation, and to discuss Respondent and his case with the Evaluator.
- b. Respondent shall provide the Department with authorizations allowing the Department and the Evaluator to communicate with all physicians and facilities at which Respondent has been treated or evaluated.
- c. The parties may provide whatever documentation they believe may be helpful to the Evaluator. The parties shall contemporaneously copy the opposing party on all communication by or on their behalf with the Evaluator.
- d. Respondent shall comply with all reasonable requests by the Evaluator for purposes of scheduling and completing the evaluation, including any additional testing deemed helpful. Any lack of reasonable and timely cooperation, as determined by the Evaluator, may constitute a violation of an order of the Board.
- e. Respondent shall comply with all additional evaluations or treatment recommended by the Evaluator.
- f. Respondent is responsible for timely payment of all costs associated with the evaluation, including additional evaluations or treatment recommended by the Evaluator.
- g. Respondent shall execute all releases necessary to permit disclosure of the final evaluation report to the Board or its designee. Certified copies of the final evaluation report shall be admissible in any future proceeding before the Board.
- 4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Keith A. Beck, D.P.M. shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$265.00.
- 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 (no. 791-25) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of costs.
 - 7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

by:

William Wex, DPM A Member of the Board

6/28/16 Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

KEITH A. BECK, D.P.M., RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 POD 001

Respondent Keith A. Beck, D.P.M. 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 Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing 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.

6/20/16

Keith A.	Beck,	D.P.M.,	Respon	dent
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