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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

INTERIM ORDER

BRETT D. GOETTSCH, M.D.,

RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 MED 237

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

Brett D. Goettsch, M.D. 9390 N. Callahan Road Prescott, AZ 86305-1965

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 an Interim Order in 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

- Respondent Brett D. Goettsch, M.D. (DOB December 26, 1959), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 35683-20, first issued on July 1, 1994, 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 9390 N. Callahan Road, Prescott, Arizona 86305-1965.
 - 2. Respondent's medical specialty is dermatology.

- 3. The Arizona Medical Board (Arizona Board) opened case number MD-17-0247A after receiving information that the Respondent may be mentally or physically unable to safely practice medicine.
- 4. Arizona Board issued an Interim Order requiring Respondent to undergo an assessment with the Arizona Board's Physician Health Program. Respondent has failed to complete the assessment.
- 5. On March 15, 2017, Respondent was indicted on felony and misdemeanor charges including aggravated assault and disorderly conduct in Yavapai County, Arizona, Superior Court.
- 6. On July 11, 2017, Arizona Board issued an Interim Consent Agreement for Practice Restriction prohibiting Respondent from engaging in the practice of medicine.
- 7. The Department opened this matter, 17 MED 237, to investigate the disciplinary action taken by the Arizona Board and allegations of unprofessional conduct. The Board has not made a determination as to the validity of the above allegations.
- 8. Respondent has voluntarily agreed to not practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin pending the final resolution of this disciplinary matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and has authority to enter into this stipulation for an Interim Order pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. The license and registration of Respondent Brett D. Goettsch, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin is SUSPENDED during the pendency of this disciplinary matter.
- 3. The suspension shall continue until the Board makes a final determination in this matter.
 - 4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

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Respondent Brett D. Goettsch, 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.

Brett D. Goettsch, M.D., Respondent

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