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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

ANNE E. HARRIS, M.D.,
LICENSEE.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 MED 254

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

Anne E. Harris, M.D.
1900 North Dewey Avenue
Reedsburg, WI 53959

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. Licensee Anne E. Harris, M.D., (DOB September 5, 1981) is licensed by the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 54332-20, first issued on April 14, 2010 with registration current through October 31, 2019. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 1900 North Dewey Avenue, Reedsburg, Wisconsin 53959.

2. Licensee is certified in Family Medicine by the American Board of Family Medicine, and has no prior disciplinary history with the Board.

3. Licensee became the subject of a Department investigation into allegations of inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances, opioids in particular, to patients with known or suspected AODA problems.

4. The Department gathered and reviewed medical records for eight patients and then asked Licensee to provide written responses to questions about her prescribing in general, and as to her prescribing to specific patients.

5. The Department also communicated with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in regard to Licensee's application to renew her DEA registration, as part of which she disclosed this matter to DEA.

6. The Department's investigation described above found that although Licensee at times tried to minimize prescribing of controlled substances and employed methods to prevent diversion and abuse of prescribed medications, her overall prescribing practices reflected the need for more substantial continuing medical education than what is currently required for all medical licensees.

7. Licensee maintains that her prescribing practices were not below the minimal standard of competence, but acknowledges they could improve and therefore consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Anne E. Harris, M.D., shall at her own expense take and successfully complete the *Intensive Course in Controlled Substances Prescribing* offered by Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, or an equivalent course that has been pre-approved by the Board or its designee.

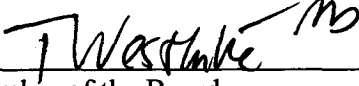
3. Licensee shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department.

4. Requests for course approval and proof of successful course completion shall be sent by Licensee 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
DPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by: 
A Member of the Board

11/15/17
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

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ANNE E. HARRIS, M.D.,
LICENSEE.

STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 MED 254

Licensee Anne E. Harris, 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. Licensee consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulation, Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing or hearings on the allegations against Licensee, 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 Licensee;
- the right to call witnesses on Licensee's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Licensee's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision(s) and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision(s);
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Licensee under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Licensee is aware of Licensee's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Licensee is represented by Attorney Sarah Coyne of Quarles & Brady, LLP.

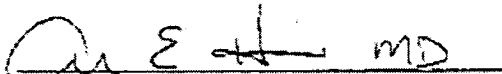
4. Licensee agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Licensee waives 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 matters 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 Licensee or Licensee's attorney, 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. Licensee 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.

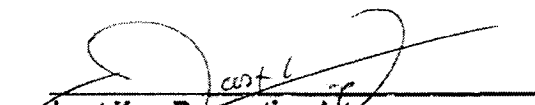
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Licensee in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.


Anne E. Harris, M.D., Licensee
1900 North Dewey Avenue
Reedsburg, WI 53959
License no. 54332-20

10/27/2017
Date


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10/27/2017
Date


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10/30/2017
Date