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# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

JENNIFER L. ST CROIX M.D., RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 MED 192

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

Jennifer L. St. Croix, M.D. 6002 Diamond Ruby PMB 666, Suite 3 Christiansted, VI 00820

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

Respondent Jennifer L. St. Croix, M.D. (DOB September 6, 1974), is licensed by the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 47465-20, first issued on October 5, 2004, with registration current through October 31, 2019. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 6002 Diamond Ruby PMB 666, Suite 3, Christiansted, Virgin Islands 00820.

- 1. Respondent is also licensed to practice medicine in the states of Tennessee, Florida and Indiana.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. At all times pertinent to this matter, Respondent practiced emergency medicine at a hospital in Tennessee.
- 3. In March 2011, Respondent sought renewal of her Tennessee Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration to prescribe schedule I, IIN, III, IIIN, IV and V controlled substances. Respondent's prior registration had been retired in April 2010.
- 4. In June 2011, Respondent entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) with the DEA regarding her then pending application.
- 5. The Agreement granted Respondent registration to prescribe schedule II through V controlled substances; prohibited her from prescribing, administering or dispensing any controlled substances to family members; and required her to maintain a log of all controlled substances prescribed, administered or dispensed to patients.
- 6. In March 2013, Parsons, TN police received information from a local hospital that Respondent had controlled substances and other medications delivered to her at the hospital's address.
- 7. When ordering the above-referenced medications, Respondent represented that the medications were for use in her private practice. Respondent did not have a functioning private practice at the time she ordered the controlled substance medications.
- 8. Respondent subsequently admitted to treating a patient at her home and prescribing controlled substances without checking the Tennessee Controlled Substance Monitoring Database, and without maintaining a medical record that identified the diagnosis, treatment plan and outcome for the patient.
- 9. On or about November 6, 2013, Respondent filed an incident report with the Memphis, Tennessee Police Department reporting a burglary of the medications sometime between March 2013 and November 2013.
- 10. By Order dated May 24, 2017, the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners (TN Board) reprimanded Respondent's license, ordered her to complete continuing medical education related to prescribing controlled drugs and medical record-keeping, and assessed her civil penalties totaling \$3,000.00.
- 11. Respondent did not timely notify the Board of the TN Board action against her license.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Respondent does not appear to have disciplinary history with either Florida or Indiana.

#### **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 Jennifer L. St. Croix, M.D., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(3)(a) by failing, within 30 days, to report to the board any final adverse action taken against the licensee's authority to practice medicine and surgery by another licensing jurisdiction concerned with the practice of medicine and surgery.
- 3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Jennifer L. St. Croix, M.D., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(3)(c) by having any credentialing pertaining to the practice of medicine and surgery or any act constituting the practice of medicine and surgery become subject to adverse determination by any agency of this or another state, or by any federal agency or authority
- 4. As a result of the above conduct, Jennifer L. St. Croix, M.D., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

#### **ORDER**

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent Jennifer L. St. Croix, M.D., is REPRIMANDED.
- 3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Jennifer L. St. Croix, M.D., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$373.54.
- 4. Submission of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent 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

5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (no. 47465-20), or Respondent's right to renew her license, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

A Member of the Board

## STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

JENNIFER L. ST. CROIX, M.D., RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 MED 192

Respondent Jennifer L. St. Croix, 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

## Stipulation

In the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Jennifer L. St. Croix, M.D., DLSC Case No. 17 MED 192

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.

Jennifer L. St Croix, M.D., Respondent 6002 Diamond Ruby PMB 666, Suite 3

Christiansted, VI 00820 License No. 47465-20

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12/8/19

Date

Date