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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

COLLEEN D. BROWNE, D.O.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 MED 376

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

Colleen D. Browne, D.O.
9343 Butler Road
Portland, MI 48875

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 Colleen D. Browne, D.O. (DOB July 7, 1966), is licensed by the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 63547-21, first issued on January 27, 2015, with registration current through February 28, 2018. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 9343 Butler Road, Portland, Michigan 48875.

2. At all times pertinent to this matter, Respondent practiced family medicine.

3. On July 24, 2015, the State of Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery Disciplinary Subcommittee (MI Board) issued a Final Order, which among other things,

suspended Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Michigan effective August 23, 2015 (MI Order).

4. The MI Order contained findings that Respondent violated multiple provisions of the Michigan Public Health Code relating to the practice of medicine, including, but not limited to negligence/failing to exercise due care; departure from/failure to conform to minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing healthcare practice; lacking good moral character; conviction of a crime related to or adversely affecting the licensee's ability to practice medicine safely; and failure to report her conviction to the MI Board.¹

5. On December 21, 2016, the MI Board ordered the reinstatement of Respondent's Michigan medical license and placed her on probation for one year with certain terms and conditions, including completion of continuing medical education in the areas of ethics and boundaries.

6. Respondent did not report the Michigan disciplinary action to the Board.

7. 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 Colleen D. Browne, D.O., 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 Colleen D. Browne, D.O., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(3)(c) by having any credential 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, Colleen D. Browne, D.O., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

¹ Respondent was convicted of harboring a fugitive, a misdemeanor, after failing to inform officers executing a warrant for a male friend that he was hiding in her home.

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent Colleen D. Browne, D.O., is REPRIMANDED.
3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Colleen D. Browne, D.O., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$1,316.00.
3. Proof of compliance 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:

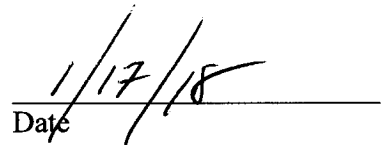
Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov
4. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (no. 63547-21), 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.
5. 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 376

Respondent Colleen D. Browne, D.O., 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.


Colleen D. Browne, D.O., Respondent
9343 Butler Road
Portland, MI 48875
License no. 63547-21

12/28/2017
Date


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P.O. Box 7190
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12/28/17
Date