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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
	:	FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
JENNIFER M. MCCOMMONS, P.A.,	:	
LICENSEE.	:	0. 34405
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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 MED 283

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

Jennifer M. McCommons, P.A. 1814 East Wood Place Shorewood, WI 53211

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 Jennifer M. McCommons, P.A. (DOB: January 15, 1972), is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice as a physician assistant having license number 998-23, first issued on January 9, 1998 with registration current through February 28, 2020. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 1814 East Wood Place, Shorewood, Wisconsin 53211.

2. At all times relevant, Licensee was employed as a Physician Assistant at Integrative Family Wellness Center in Brookfield, Wisconsin (Center).

3. On November 9, 2015, Patient A, a female born in 2006, was seen at the Center accompanied by her family. Patient A has a complex medical history including Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS). Patient A's treatment team included a psychiatrist, an ENT, an infectious disease specialist, an immunologist, and a PANDAS specialist. None of Patient A's treatment team was employed by or worked at the Center.

4. At the November 9, 2015 visit, Patient A was seen and examined by an unlicensed provider. Patient A was taking daily prophylactic Amoxicillin and Clavulanate which had been prescribed by a physician provider on her treatment team. Patient A reported that she was scheduled to undergo a tonsillectomy procedure in the next two weeks. The unlicensed provider recommended a prescription of Azithromycin and Cefdinir in place of Amoxicillin and Clavulanate.

5. Licensee ordered the change to Patient A's antibiotics as recommended by the unlicensed provider but did not perform an independent examination of Patient A.

6. In resolution of this matter, Licensee 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, Jennifer M. McCommons, P.A. shall at Licensee's own expense take and successfully complete eight (8) hours of education in conducting appropriate patient examinations as follows:

- a. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be pre-approved by the Board or its designee and may be taken by the Licensee online. Licensee shall be responsible for locating course(s) satisfactory to the Board and for obtaining the required approval of the course(s) from the Board or its designee. Licensee must take and pass any exam offered for the course(s).
- b. 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.

3. 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 <u>DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov</u>

You may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System, here: <u>https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring</u>

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

______ ______ by: A Member of the Board

STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	
JENNIFER M. MCCOMMONS, P.A.,	:	STIPULATION
LICENSEE.	:	01 75195

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 MED 283

Licensee Jennifer M. McCommons, P.A., 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 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 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 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 Arthur Beck.

4. Licensee agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education 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 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 Licensee, 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 for Remedial Education.

7. Licensee is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education 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 for Remedial Education.

Jennifer M. McCommons, P.A., Licensee 1814 East Wood Place Shorewood, WI 53211 License No. 998-23

Date

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