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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
ELLEN M. O'BRIEN, M.D., :
RESPONDENT. : **ORDER 0006372**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 MED 709

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

Ellen M. O'Brien, M.D.
5026 N. Northwood Trace
Janesville, WI 53545-8990

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 Wisconsin 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 Ellen M. O'Brien, M.D., (dob 3/24/1960), is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 31361-20, first issued on July 1, 1990, 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 5026 N. Northwood Trace, Janesville, WI 53545-8990.

2. The Department of Safety and Professional Services investigated whether Respondent was in compliance with the continuing education requirements for the 2016-2017 biennium.

3. Respondent certified she completed 30 hours of AMA or AOA Category I Continuing Education, including two (2) hours of a Board-approved course related to the Board's Opioid Prescribing Guidelines, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code ch. Med 13.

4. Respondent failed to demonstrate compliance with the continuing medical education requirements for the 2016-2017 biennium as follows:

a. Respondent submitted certification of only 5 hours of continuing education obtained during the 2016-2017 biennium.

5. As of the date of this Final Decision and Order, Respondent has demonstrated compliance with the continuing medical education requirements for the 2016-2017 biennium.

6. 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 violated Wis. Stat. § 448.13(1)(a) by failing to complete thirty (30) acceptable continuing medical education hours during the 2016-2017 biennium.

3. In violating Wis. Stat. § 448.13(1)(a), Respondent committed unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code §§ Med 10.03(1)(a) and (b).

4. As a result of the above violations, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent, Ellen M. O'Brien, M.D., license no. 31361-20, is hereby REPRIMANDED.

3. Continuing education courses taken by Respondent after December 31, 2017 have been retroactively applied to the 2016-2017 biennium and may not be used to fulfill continuing education requirements for the 2018-2019 biennium.

4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent Ellen M. O'Brien, M.D., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$100.00.

5. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

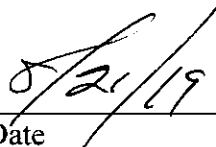
Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

6. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of costs as ordered, Respondent's license may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs.

7. 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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RESPONDENT. :

STIPULATION
ORDER 0006372

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 MED 709

Respondent Ellen M. O'Brien, 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 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.

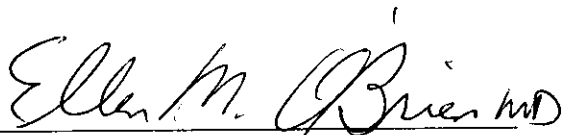
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

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.

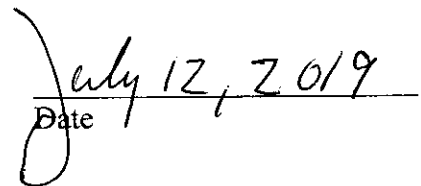
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes 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.

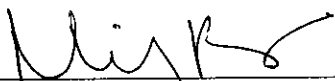
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



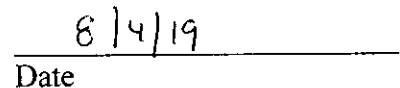
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