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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :
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 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
 : FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
 :
 COURTNEY FORTE, M.D., :
 LICENSEE. : **ORDER 00068 1 1**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 MED 021

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

Courtney Forte, M.D.
Greenville, WI 54942

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, Conclusion of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Licensee Courtney Forte, M.D. (DOB xx-xx-1984) is licensed by the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 64020-20, first issued on May 7, 2015, with registration current through October 31, 2021. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Greenville, Wisconsin 54942.

2. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance (Division) received a complaint alleging Licensee sent unwanted sexual texts, photos and videos to a patient, the complainant's wife.

3. Licensee acknowledges he and the patient had inappropriate social contacts outside the clinical setting, but denies he sent sexual materials or had other sexual communication or contact with the patient.

4. Licensee states the complainant discovered his social contacts with the patient and began harassing him to the point Licensee involved law enforcement.

5. Complainant is the subject of a pending criminal matter involving a domestic abuse charge believed to involve the patient. Complainant is charged as a repeat offender and has a substantial criminal history of abuse, drug and financial charges.

6. The Division obtained personnel materials from Licensee's employer and communicated with the employer regarding their investigation of the same allegations. The employer determined they were unsubstantiated and renewed Licensee's employment and privileges.

7. In resolution of this matter, Licensee consents to the entry of the following Conclusion of Law and Order.

CONCLUSION 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, Courtney Forte, M.D., shall at Licensee's own expense take and successfully complete six (6) hours of education on the topic of doctor-patient boundaries as follows:

- a. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be pre-approved by the Board or its designee. 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. The Board or its designee may reject any course for which Licensee seeks approval. The Board's monitoring liaison may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Licensee. The monitoring liaison may consider the topic availability and/or hours of education when determining if a change to the ordered education should occur.
- c. 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
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by: *Amoloy Wastlake, MD*
A Member of the Board

5/20/2020
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :
 :
COURTNEY FORTE, M.D., : STIPULATION
 :
LICENSEE. : **ORDER 0006811**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 MED 021

Licensee Courtney Forte, 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 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.

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.

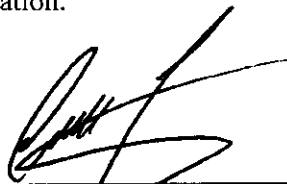
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is

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.

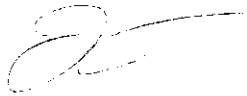
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Licensee in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education.



Courtney Forte, M.D., Licensee
Greenville, WI 54942
License No. 64020-20

4/16/20

Date



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4/20/2020

Date