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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
ANNAH C. HOUK, P.A., :
RESPONDENT. :

ORDER 0007330

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case Nos. 19 MED 088 and 20 MED 219

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

Annah C. Houk, P.A.
Hartland, WI 53209

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 these matters, 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. Annah C. Houk, P.A. (Respondent), (Year of Birth 1980), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a physician assistant, having license number 1879-23, first issued on August 10, 2005, with registration current through February 28, 2022. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, 53066.¹

¹ Respondent's address on file with the Department is in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. However, per an interview with Respondent in February 2021, Respondent advised that she resides in Hartland, Wisconsin. Respondent was advised to update her address on the dsps.wi.gov website.

2. In June 2017, while working as a physician assistant (P.A.), Respondent cashed and deposited checks into her personal banking account that did not belong to her. The checks were from a third-party health care reimbursement entity, as payment for patient services received from the medical facility where Respondent worked. Respondent found the checks in her work "in-box." The checks contained patient names. Respondent did not consult with any leadership personnel at the medical facility regarding the purpose of the checks, nor did she notify leadership personnel that she received the checks in her in-box. The medical facility discharged Respondent from employment as a result of Respondent's conduct.

3. In April 2018, while working as a P.A., Respondent self-administered an injection of Toradol without possessing a prescription. Respondent advised that she took the medication because she was experiencing a migraine.

4. In April 2018, while working as a P.A., Respondent's supervising physician directed Respondent to stop providing information regarding non-traditional therapy, such as CBD (Cannabidiol) oils, to patients.

5. Sometime during the spring of 2020, Respondent prescribed Prozac and Abilify to her boyfriend. There was no patient/treater relationship between Respondent and her boyfriend.

6. Respondent last worked as a P.A. in Wisconsin in April 2020.

7. Respondent was diagnosed with Bipolar 2 disorder at age 30. In 2018, Respondent experienced a severe manic episode which resulted in a change in diagnosis to Bipolar 1 disorder. Respondent was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in 2020.

8. Respondent was hospitalized at age 19, 30, 38 and 40 as a result of and/or related to the diagnoses in paragraph 7. In 2020, Respondent was hospitalized (voluntary and involuntary) on multiple occasions as a result of and/or related to the diagnoses in paragraph 7. During the summer of 2020, Respondent began residing in a residential facility intended to assist residents with their transition to independent living. Respondent transitioned to independent living in February 2021.

9. Respondent previously used marijuana to alleviate chronic pelvic pain but denies current usage.

10. In December 2020, Respondent was approved for Social Security Disability payments.

11. Between 2019 and February 2021, Respondent changed her residence on multiple occasions and did not update her address with the Department.

12. On May 20, 2020, and June 11, 2020, a Division of Legal Services and Compliance (Division) Investigator emailed and/or mailed Respondent at her addresses on file with the Department seeking additional information concerning the cases at hand. Respondent did not reply.

13. Respondent advised the Division that she wishes to surrender her credential.

14. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The 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).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER by Respondent of her license to practice as a physician assistant in the state of Wisconsin (license no. 1879-23), as well as her right to renew such license and registration, is accepted.

3. Should Respondent seek any credential under Wis. Stat. chs. 440 through 480, Respondent shall first pay costs of this matter in the amount of \$3085.00, before her application for a credential will be considered by the applicable board or the Department.

4. In the event Respondent petitions the Board for reinstatement of her license to practice as a physician assistant, the Board may enter an order denying such application without further notice or hearing. Whether to grant a license and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any license granted shall be in the sole discretion of the Board.

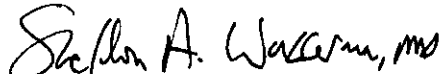
5. If applicable, payment of costs should be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to:

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

Respondent may also submit information online at: <https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov>

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By: 
A Member of the Board

21 April 2021
Date

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STIPULATION

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Respondent Annah C. Houk, P.A. and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

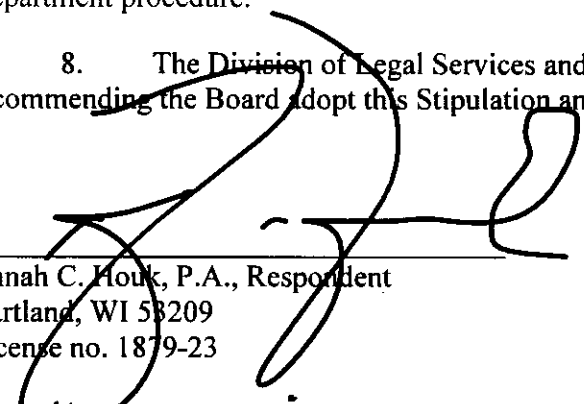
1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives 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.



Annah C. Houk, P.A., Respondent
Hartland, WI 53209
License no. 1879-23

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Date



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4/1/2021

Date