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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :

PATRICK J. CRAWFORD, D.D.S.,
LICENSEE. :

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION

ORDER 0007665

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 DEN 064

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

Patrick J. Crawford, D.D.S.
Kenosha, WI 53142

Wisconsin Dentistry 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 Dentistry 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 Patrick J. Crawford, D.D.S. (Year of Birth 1960) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice dentistry, having license number 3916-15, first issued on June 2, 1988, and current through September 30, 2023. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Kenosha, Wisconsin 53142.

Prior Discipline

2. On May 6, 2015, the Board issued Final Decision and Order #0003957 against Licensee to resolve Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Case No. 13 DEN 085 (May 2015 Order).

3. The May 2015 Order imposed a reprimand and required Licensee to complete four hours of education on each of the following topics: documentation; treatment planning; and risk management. It was based on Licensee's care of a minor patient in 2013, specifically his decision to alter the treatment plan due to the child resistive behavior without first obtaining consent from the child's parents or adequately documenting the change.

4. On May 6, 2020, the Board issued Final Decision and Order #0006785 against Licensee to resolve DLSC Case Nos. 17 DEN 129, 18 DEN 030, 18 DEN 160, 19 DEN 020, and 19 DEN 038 (May 2020 Order). The May 2020 Order addressed the following issues:

- a. 17 DEN 129 involved negligent treatment of a patient between 2009-2016, specifically an improperly placed implant resulting in infection.
- b. 18 DEN 030 involved negligent treatment of a patient between 2015-2018, specifically improper root canals and crowns resulting in infection.
- c. 18 DEN 160 involved a National Practitioner DataBank report of payment made in 2018 to settle a disputed claim of negligent treatment of a patient in 2017, specifically improper extractions.
- d. 19 DEN 020 involved negligent treatment of a patient in 2019, specifically an improper root canal resulting in infection.
- e. 19 DEN 038 involved a National Practitioner DataBank report of payment made in 2019 to settle a disputed claim of negligent treatment of a patient in 2014-2015, specifically improper restoration and implants.

5. The May 2020 Order imposed a reprimand and required Licensee to complete eight hours of education on the topic of risk management and record-keeping, 40 hours of education on the topic of the diagnosis, treatment, and record-keeping of Endodontics, and 40 hours of education on the topic of correct planning, placement, and record-keeping of implants.

6. On August 4, 2020, the Board reinstated Licensee's license in full after he completed the education imposed under the May 2020 Order.

Current Matter

7. This matter, DLSC Case No. 20 DEN 064, involves a National Practitioner DataBank report of payment made in 2020 to settle a disputed claim that in 2016, Licensee failed to properly treat an infection after an extraction.

8. The facts in this matter are the same or similar as those addressed by the May 2020 Order, which involved poorly managed infections resulting from procedures Licensee performed between 2009-2019, primarily between 2015-2018.

9. Licensee denies providing substandard care in this matter. He states that although the education he completed under the May 2020 Order did not include antibiotic management, it

prompted him to change his practice to where he now universally prescribes antibiotics to all his patients, to be filled in the event they need it post-procedure.

10. The determination of whether a patient requires antibiotics should not be left to the discretion of the patient and the Board finds that additional relevant education is required.

11. Licensee consents to the entry of the following Conclusion of Law and Order.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Dentistry 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 months of the date of this Order, Licensee shall at their own expense take and successfully complete two hours of education on antibiotic stewardship 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. All education completed pursuant to this Order shall be taken in person. The Board's monitoring liaison may approve course(s) to be taken via webinar, online, or otherwise remotely, in response to a request from Licensee.
- 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 and may not be used in any future attempt to upgrade a credential.
- d. 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.

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) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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

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

WISCONSIN DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

By: Shahed Gwani
A Member of the Board

3 November 2021
Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0007665

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 DEN 064

Licensee Patrick J. Crawford, D.D.S., 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 by the Wisconsin Dentistry 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. 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.

7. Licensee 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 Licensee in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Patrick J. Crawford, D.D.S., Licensee
Kenosha, WI 53142
License No. 3916-15

Date

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October 11, 2021