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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
MATTHEW F. H. BEESON, M.D.,	:	FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
LICENSEE.	:	ORDER 0008314

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 MED 177

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

Matthew F. H. Beeson, M.D. Prescott, WI 54021

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board P.O. Box 8366 Madison, WI 53708-f8366

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 Matthew F. H. Beeson, M.D., (Year of Birth 1984) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 62300-20, first issued on May 14, 2014, with registration current through October 31, 2023. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Prescott, Wisconsin 54021.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Licensee practiced family medicine at a clinic in Hudson, Wisconsin. Approximately half of Licensee's patients are seen for chronic pain, substance use disorders, palliative and hospice care.

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3. On April 5, 2022, the Wisconsin Controlled Substances Board referred Licensee to the Department after Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) data identified him as a top opioid prescriber by volume in the state of Wisconsin for the fourth quarter of 2021.

4. During its investigation, the Department reviewed a sampling of Licensee's 2021 patient records and his 2021 PDMP query history. The Department discovered the following:

# Patient A, Female born in 1972

5. Licensee prescribed hydromorphone 4mg to Patient A each month for radiationinduced polyneuropathy. For prescriptions dated January 13, July 7, and December 15, 2021, Licensee or his delegates failed to check the PDMP database prior to prescribing.

6. Licensee charted that Patient A's morphine milligram equivalents (MME) was greater than 50mg per day and she was concurrently being prescribed benzodiazepines by another provider.

7. At each visit, Licensee conducted a physical exam and charted that the exams were normal but continued to prescribe hydromorphone with no documentation of its benefit or why it was necessary in conjunction with the benzodiazepines. Licensee also did not document pain scores or how much relief the hydromorphone was providing to Patient A.

## Patient B, Female born in 1967

8. Licensee prescribed oxycodone with acetaminophen 7.5-325mg to Patient B each month for fibromyalgia, cervical spondylosis, and lumbar spinal stenosis. For the prescription dated September 30, 2021, Licensee or his delegates failed to check the PDMP database prior to prescribing.

9. Licensee charted that Patient B's MME was greater than 50mg per day and she was concurrently being prescribed benzodiazepines by another provider.

10. At each visit, Licensee conducted a physical exam and charted that the exams were normal but continued to prescribe oxycodone with acetaminophen with no documentation of its benefit or why it was necessary in conjunction with the benzodiazepines. Licensee also did not document pain scores or how much relief the oxycodone with acetaminophen was providing to Patient B.

## Patient C, Female born in 2002

11. Licensee prescribed Tapentadol 50mg to Patient C each month for complex regional pain syndrome. For the prescription dated February 12, 2021, Licensee or his delegates failed to check the PDMP database prior to prescribing.

12. At each visit, Licensee conducted a physical exam and charted that the exams were normal but continued to prescribe Tapentadol with no documentation of its benefit. Licensee also did not document pain scores or how much relief the Tapentadol was providing to Patient C.

## Patient D, Female born in 2015

13. Licensee prescribed Methylphenidate to Patient D for treatment of ADHD at various dosages and quantities throughout 2021. For the prescriptions dated March 10, March 24, April 20, May 19, July 8, and November 2, 2021, Licensee or his delegates failed to check the PDMP database prior to prescribing.

14. On November 7, 2022, Licensee completed 2.5 credits of education entitled "Safe and Effective Opioid Prescribing Practices," and 0.5 credits of education entitled "UW Health Pain Management Program Online Training."

15. Licensee also provided proof to the Department that he has presented continuing education courses on risk reduction in opioid prescribing.

16. 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. The Board recognizes and accepts the successful completion of the education described in the Findings of Fact, par. 14, as the equivalent of the education it would have otherwise ordered. This education, completed during the current reporting period, may not be used to satisfy any other continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department.

3. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Licensee shall at his own expense take and successfully complete three (3) hours of education on the topic of recordkeeping 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. 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.

c. 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.

Requests for course approval and proof of successful course completion shall be 4. 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.

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By:

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12/21/22

Date

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF $\cdot$	:	STIPULATION
MATTHEW F. H. BEESON, M.D., LICENSEE.	:	ORDER 0 0 0 8 3 1 4

## Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 MED 177

Licensee Matthew F. H. Beeson, 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. Licensee is further informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education will be reported as required by the National Practitioner Databank (NPDB) Guidebook and as otherwise required by any licensure compact or any other state or federal law.

9. 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.

Matthew F. H. Beeson, M.D., Licensee Prescott, WI 54021 License No. 62300-20

Julie Zimmer, Prosecuting Attorney Department of Safety and Professional Services Division of Legal Services and Compliance P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

<u>12/6/2022</u> Date

12/6/2022

Date