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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF :
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
: **ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION**
JOHN GREGORY HOFFMANN, M.D., :
RESPONDENT. : **ORDER 0001203**

This matter came before the Board at its regular and properly noticed meeting on November 16, 2011. The appearances were Arthur Thexton, Prosecuting Attorney, Respondent in person, and Respondent's attorney, Emily Feinstein, of Quarles & Brady. The Board received the report of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Physician Assessment Program.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent John Gregory Hoffmann, M.D. (dob 7/26/50) is and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein a physician and surgeon licensed in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license #26569, first granted on 2/1/85. Respondent is a family practitioner, and is not certified by any board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties; he is not licensed in any other jurisdiction.

2. On October 22, 1997, Respondent was disciplined by the Board in its file 97 Med 176 (LS-9710223-MED), for consuming alcohol while on call, and treating a patient after consuming at least four alcoholic beverages. Respondent's unlimited license was restored on May 19, 2004.

3. In investigation file 06 Med 228, the Board found that a review of a sample of Respondent's charts suggested that there may be deficiencies in current medical knowledge, practice standards, or charting standards. Respondent agreed to resolve this investigation by submitting himself to the physician assessment process conducted by the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Office of Continuing Professional Development, Physician Assessment Center. The Board memorialized this agreement in its Order dated May 21, 2008, requiring Respondent to undergo the assessment, including successfully achieving the objectives of any educational program recommended.

4. The Board has received the assessment report dated October 21, 2009, which recommended several continuing education activities, further testing, and practice monitoring. Respondent entered into an agreement with the Physician Assessment Center to comply with all of the recommendations. On August 31, 2011, the Physician Assessment Center issued its final report to the Board, finding that Respondent has a significant deficiencies in his medical knowledge and his clinical approach to patients. The assessors recommended a complete neuropsychological evaluation, and monitoring of Respondent's practice pending the outcome of

the evaluation. Further recommendations were made, contingent upon the results of the neuropsychological evaluation.

5. Respondent has not successfully achieved the objectives of the educational program required by the Board's order of May 21, 2008.

6. Respondent has continued to practice medicine throughout the period May 21, 2008, to the present.

7. For Respondent to continue to practice medicine while he has significant deficiencies in his medical knowledge and his clinical approach to patients is a violation of Wis. Adm. Code § Med 10.02(2)(h) and (i).

8. It is necessary to suspend Respondent's license immediately to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

9. A formal complaint alleging that Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct is approved, and will be filed within 10 days.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

The legal requirements for summary suspension pursuant to §448.02(4), Wis. Stats., and ch. RL 6, Wis. Adm. Code, have been fulfilled.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED: the license of John Gregory Hoffmann, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery is **SUSPENDED** pending the outcome of the disciplinary proceeding to be commenced by the filing of the complaint. Respondent shall surrender his credentials to the Board, or any department staff requesting them, forthwith.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Respondent may request a hearing to show cause why this suspension order should not be continued, and may file such request with Jennifer Nashold, Administrative Law Judge assigned to this matter, at the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Ave. #201, PO Box 7875, Madison, WI 53707-7875. A hearing on such request shall

be scheduled within 20 days of the date the ALJ receives such request, unless respondent agrees to a later date.

Dated this November 16, 2011,

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD, by:

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A member of the board

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