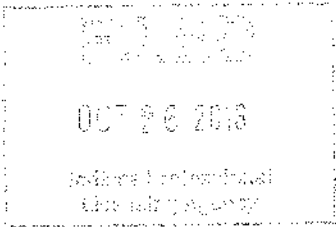


**BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSING
BOARD OF INDIANA
CAUSE NO. 2015 MLB 0024**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF)
STEPHEN R. PFEIFER, M.D.)
LICENSE NO: 01036874A)**



**FINDINGS OF FACT, ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSION OF LAW AND ORDER**

The Medical Licensing Board of Indiana (“Board”) held an administrative hearing on July 28, 2016, in the Indiana Government Center South, Room W064, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, concerning an Order to Show Cause (“OTSC”) issued by the Board against the Indiana medical license of Stephen R. Pfeifer, M.D. (“Respondent”) on June 29, 2016.

The State of Indiana (“Petitioner”) was represented by the Office of the Indiana Attorney General, by Deputy Attorney General N. Renee Gallagher. Respondent appeared and was represented by counsel, David Ezell.

The Board held proceedings and after considering the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter, by a vote of 6-0-0, issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Ultimate Findings of Fact, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent’s last known mailing address is 10967 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana 46038.
2. On April 7, 2016, Petitioner filed its Amended Administrative Complaint against the Respondent.

3. On May 11, 2016, the Board entered a Final Order Accepting "Proposed Settlement Agreement" by a vote of 4-0-0 and imposed the following terms and conditions on Respondent's license:

- a. Respondent's medical license was placed on indefinite suspension with no right to petition for reinstatement for at least one (1) year from the date of the Board's Final Order Accepting the Proposed Settlement;
- b. Respondent must follow all ISMA recommendations;
- c. Respondent must complete six (6) hours of Continuing Medical Education units ("CMEs") regarding controlled substances and six (6) CMEs regarding physician administrative roles and authority in an office setting including working with a collaborating physician in an office setting. Respondent must have all twelve (12) hours completed within one (1) year of the Board's Final Order Accepting Settlement;
- d. Respondent must pay a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) within 90 days of the Board's Final Order Accepting Settlement;
- e. Respondent must pay a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund.

4. Respondent failed to comply with the Board's Order Accepting Settlement due to Respondent practicing without a license by dictating patient treatment, diagnosis and prescription suggestion to another physician at his practice while his medical license was indefinitely suspended.

5. Based on Respondent's failure to comply with the Board's order, the Board issued an Order to Show Cause on June 29, 2016, setting the matter for hearing on July 28, 2016.

6. On July 28, 2016, by a vote of 6-0-0, the Board found that Respondent was in violation of the April 2016 Final Order Accepting "Proposed Settlement Agreement".

ULTIMATE FINDING OF FACT

Respondent's conduct constitutes a violation of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(10) in that Respondent has failed to comply with an order imposing sanctions under section 9 of this chapter as evidenced by Respondent practicing medicine while having a suspended license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's violation is cause for disciplinary sanctions which may be imposed singly or in combination such as censure, a letter of reprimand, probation, suspension, revocation, and/or a fine up to the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per violation, as detailed in Ind. Code § 25-1-9-9.

ORDER

1. Respondent's license remains on **INDEFINITE SUSPENSION** with no right to petition for reinstatement of his license until one (1) year from the date of this Order.
2. Respondent must complete all terms and conditions contained in the May 11, 2016 Final Order Accepting "Proposed Settlement Agreement" in addition to all other terms and conditions contained in this Order.
3. Prior to petitioning for reinstatement, Respondent shall submit proof of completion to the Board of twelve (12) hours of continuing education in ethics.
4. Respondent must pay a **FINE of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)** payable within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, and submitted to the following address:

Medical Licensing Board of Indiana
402 W. Washington St. Rm. W072
Indianapolis, IN 46204

5. Respondent shall receive a **LETTER OF REPRIMAND** issued by the Board to be placed in his file with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency.

6. A violation of this Order, and non-compliance with the statutes or regulations regarding the practice of medicine, or any violation of the Board's May 11, 2016 order may result in the State requesting an Order to Show Cause as may be issued by the Board, or a new cause of action pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4, any or all of which could leave to additional sanctions, up to and including a revocation of Respondent's license.

SO ORDERED, this 26th day of October, 2016.

MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA

for Maureen Bennett
Kirk E. Masten, D.O., President

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the "Findings of Fact, Ultimate Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order" has been duly served upon:

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October 26, 2016

Stephen R. Pfeifer, M.D.
10967 Allisonville Rd.
Fishers, IN 46038

Re: State of Indiana v. Stephen R. Pfeifer, M.D.
Before the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana
Cause Number: 2015 MLB 0024

Dear Dr. Pfeifer:

This letter of reprimand issued in accordance with the Findings of Fact, Ultimate Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order issued by the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana resolving the Order to Show Cause issued by the Board on June 29, 2016.


The purpose of this reprimand is to stress the important responsibility that you have by reason of possession of a medical license in the State of Indiana. Further, there is an expectation that you will follow all requirements with respect to licensure and orders issued by the Board.

The Findings of Fact, Ultimate Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of this reprimand.

It is your responsibility to conduct your practice as a physician in accordance with the statutes, regulations, and standards of the profession.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kirk E. Masten'.

 Kirk E. Masten, D.O., President
Medical Licensing Board of Indiana