

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST

GEORGE D. SONCRANT, D.O., RESPONDENT

FILE No. 03-11-286

**STATEMENT OF CHARGES and SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
(Combined)**

COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Medicine (Board) and George D. Soncrant, D.O., (Respondent), on June 28, 2013, and pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10(2) and 272C.3(4) and 653 IAC 25.3, enter into this combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

1. Respondent was issued Iowa medical license no. 02264 on March 11, 1988.
2. Respondent's Iowa medical license went inactive due to nonrenewal on December 1, 1997.
3. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 147, 148 and 272C.

COUNT I

4. **Discipline by Another Licensing Authority:** Respondent is charged pursuant to Iowa Code section 148.6(2)(d) and 653 IAC 23.1(1) with having a license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery revoked or suspended, or having other disciplinary action taken by a licensing authority of another state, territory, or country. A certified copy of the order of disciplinary action is prima facie evidence.

STATEMENT OF THE MATTERS ASSERTED

5. Respondent is an Iowa-licensed physician who currently practices psychiatry in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

6. **Wisconsin Disciplinary Action:** On or about October 20, 2010, the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Wisconsin Board) issued a Final Decision and Order. The Wisconsin Board concluded that Respondent engaged in a pattern of inappropriate prescribing in his treatment of three patients between September 2005 and June 2009. The Wisconsin Board established the following sanctions:

- A. Respondent was issued a public reprimand;
- B. Respondent was ordered him to pay \$3,575 in costs;
- C. Respondent was prohibited from prescribing or administering any opioid or opiate, including any product containing tramadol, for any patient for more than 30 days in any 12 month period until he demonstrates that he is safe to do so.

7. **New York Disciplinary Action:** On or about September 8, 2011, Respondent was disciplined by the New York State Board of Professional Medical Conduct (New York Board) based on the Wisconsin disciplinary action. The New York Board issued Respondent a public reprimand and ordered him to fully comply with the terms established by the Wisconsin Board. The New York Board also permanently prohibited Respondent from prescribing controlled substances for any patient for more than thirty (30) days in a year.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

8. **CITATION AND WARNING:** Respondent is hereby **CITED** for being disciplined by the Wisconsin Board for engaging in a pattern of inappropriate prescribing to three patients between September 2005 and June 2009. Respondent is hereby **WARNED** that being disciplined by another state licensing board and/or violating the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa in the future may result in further formal disciplinary action against his Iowa medical license.

9. **COMPLIANCE WITH THE WISCONSIN ORDER:** Respondent shall fully comply with the terms established by the Wisconsin Board.

10. **PROHIBITION – CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT:** Respondent is prohibited from prescribing, administering or dispensing any controlled substance for any patient for more than 30 days in any 12 month period under his Iowa medical license until he demonstrates to the Iowa Board that he is safe to do so.

11. **NOTICE TO THE IOWA BOARD:** Respondent shall provide the Iowa Board written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to seeking reinstatement of his Iowa medical license at which time Respondent agrees to comply with any additional conditions ordered by the Board which are necessary to protect the public and ensure that Respondent practices medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

12. Respondent voluntarily submits this Order to the Board for consideration.

13. Respondent agrees that the State's counsel may present this Order to the Board for consideration.

14. By entering into this Order, Respondent understands that he has a right to be represented by legal counsel, voluntarily waives any rights to a contested case hearing on the allegations in the Statement of Charges, and waives any objections to the terms of this Order. This Order constitutes the resolution of a contested case proceeding.

15. Respondent understands that by entering into this combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, Respondent cannot obtain a copy of the investigative file. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.6(4), a copy of the investigative file may only be provided to a licensee after a Statement of Charges is filed but before the final resolution of those charges.

16. In the event Respondent fails to comply with any of the terms of this Order, the Board may initiate action to suspend or revoke Respondent's license or

to impose other license discipline as authorized in Iowa Code chapters 148 and 272 and 653 IAC 25.

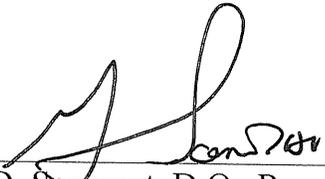
17. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa.

18. Respondent understands that the Board is required by Federal law to report this Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

19. The Order becomes a public record available for inspection and copying upon execution in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 22 and 272C.

20. This Order is subject to approval of the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Order it shall be of no force or effect to either party.

21. The Board's approval of this Order shall constitute a **Final Order** of the Board.



George D. Soncrant, D.O., Respondent

Subscribed and sworn to before me on May 15, 2013.

Jennifer A. Fass
Jennifer A. Fass
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
my commission expires 2-12-2017



This Order is approved by the Board on June 28, 2013.



Gregory B. Oversten, D.O., Chairman

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