

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
(June 8, 2016)

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

David R. Archer, M.D., a 62-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices family medicine in Storm Lake, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on June 3, 2016. The Board charged Dr. Archer with violating the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he failed to provide appropriate pain management to multiple patients in Storm Lake. Under the terms of the June 3, 2016, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Archer a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved medical record keeping course. The Board also prohibited him from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain. The Board also placed him on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring, including audits of his controlled substance prescribing.

Richard C. Blunk, M.D., a 39-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced pediatrics in Davenport, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on June 3, 2016. The Board charged Dr. Blunk with violating the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he engaged in sexual misconduct. The Board alleged that Dr. Blunk engaged in sexual relations with the mother of one of his pediatric patients between October and December 2012 and with a co-worker who was also the mother of one of his pediatric patients between September 2014 and October 2015. Dr. Blunk voluntarily and successfully completed a comprehensive sexual misconduct evaluation and residential treatment at a Board-approved evaluation program and the program is supportive of him continuing to practice medicine with appropriate restrictions. Under the terms of the June 3, 2016, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Blunk a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also placed him on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring.

David H. Marcowitz, D.O., a 51-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced general medicine in Moline, Illinois, and Chariton, Iowa, entered into a Stipulated Order: Agreement Not to Practice Medicine with the Board on June 3, 2016. On January 30, 2014, the Illinois Division of Professional Regulation (Illinois Board) disciplined Dr. Marcowitz for prescribing multiple controlled substances to a patient in Moline, Illinois, between 2008 and 2011, without properly assessing and/or monitoring the patient for drug abuse or dependence; providing Phentermine, a weight loss drug, to members of his office staff without establishing an appropriate physician-patient relationship; and failing to produce medical records subpoenaed by the Illinois Board during its investigation. The Illinois Board suspended Dr. Marcowitz' Illinois medical license for a period of thirty (30) days and he agreed to place his Illinois medical license and Illinois controlled substance license on permanent inactive status. The Illinois Board also ordered him to pay a \$3,000 fine.

On February 6, 2015, the Iowa Board filed a Statement of Charges against Dr. Marcowitz for being disciplined by the Illinois Board. A hearing was held on March 28, 2015. On June 25, 2015, the Board issued a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order. The Board determined that Dr. Marcowitz had a license to practice medicine disciplined by the licensing authority of another state in violation of Iowa law. The Board also expressed serious concerns

that Dr. Marcowitz failed to report the Illinois disciplinary action on the renewal applications for his Iowa medical license on May 30, 2014, and his Iowa Controlled Substances Registration on January 22, 2014. The Board also expressed serious concerns about his prescribing practices, office practices and medical record keeping practices. The Board also had serious concerns about his professional judgment, professionalism and honesty and his lack of candor during the hearing. Under the terms of the June 25, 2015, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order, the Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Marcowitz' Iowa medical license and stayed the suspension pending successful completion of a mental health evaluation within 60 days, a comprehensive clinical competency evaluation within 90 days and a professional ethics program within 120 days. The Board also issued him a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$3,000 civil penalty. The Board also prohibited him from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain and placed him on probation for a period of five (5) years subject to Board monitoring, including audits of his controlled substance prescribing.

On January 7, 2016, Dr. Marcowitz filed a Motion to Stay Deadlines asking the Iowa Board to stay enforcement of the deadlines established in the June 25, 2015 Order. Dr. Marcowitz indicated that he has attempted to meet the requirements of the Order but his ability to do so has been compromised by recent serious health issues. Dr. Marcowitz indicated that he is not practicing medicine in Iowa or any other state. Under the terms of the June 3, 2016 Stipulated Order: Agreement Not to Practice Medicine, the Board agreed to stay enforcement of the deadlines established in the June 25, 2015 Order, and in return, Dr. Marcowitz agreed that he shall not engage in any aspect of the practice of medicine until he has fully complied with the provisions established in the June 25, 2015 Order.

Susan L. Roeder, D.O., a 56-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced oncology and hematology in Iowa City and Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and currently practices in Sioux City, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on June 3, 2016. The Board charged Dr. Roeder with violating the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when she maintained pre-signed prescriptions which were intended to be completed and issued by another healthcare provider at an oncology and hematology outreach clinic in Mt. Pleasant. Under the terms of the June 3, 2016, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Roeder a Citation and Warning and ordered her to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved professional ethics program.

Kimberly A. VerSteege, D.O., a 43-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Waverly and Waterloo, Iowa, and currently practices in International Falls, Minnesota, had the terms and conditions placed on her Iowa medical license terminated by the Board on June 3, 2016. On February 9, 2012, the Board charged Dr. VerSteege with failing to provide appropriate treatment to multiple patients in Waverly, Iowa, between 2007 and 2009. On October 5, 2012, Dr. VerSteege entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve the pending disciplinary charges. The Board issued Dr. VerSteege a Citation and Warning and ordered her to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty. The Board also placed Dr. VerSteege on probation for a period of five years subject to certain terms and conditions, including a Board-approved practice monitoring program. On December 5, 2014, the Board issued an Amended Order terminating the Board-approved practice monitoring program. On June 3, 2016, the Board issued a Termination Order and the terms and conditions placed on Dr. VerSteege's Iowa medical license are terminated and her Iowa medical license is returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

When appropriate, disciplinary actions are reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, an electronic repository administered by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to track adverse license actions.

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