

**BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE**

\*\*\*\*\*

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST**

**ROY A. DOORENBOS, M.D., RESPONDENT**

**FILE No. 02-2017-431**

\*\*\*\*\*

**STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

\*\*\*\*\*

**COMES NOW** the Iowa Board of Medicine (Board) on December 15, 2017, and files this Statement of Charges pursuant to Iowa Code Section 17A.12(2). Respondent was issued Iowa medical license no. MD-25226 on November 5, 1985. Respondent's Iowa medical license is active and will next expire on May 1, 2019.

**A. TIME, PLACE AND NATURE OF HEARING**

1. Hearing. A disciplinary contested case hearing shall be held on February 23, 2018, before the Iowa Board of Medicine. The hearing shall begin at 8:30 a.m. and shall be located in the conference room at the Iowa Board of Medicine office at 400 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite C, Des Moines, Iowa.

2. Answer. Within twenty (20) days of the date you are served this Notice of Hearing you are required by 653 IAC 25.10 to file an Answer. In that Answer, you should also state whether you will require a continuance of the date and time of the hearing.

3. Prehearing Conference. A prehearing conference will be held by telephone on January 5, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., before an Administrative Law Judge from the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (ALJ). Please contact Kent M. Nebel, J.D., Legal Director, Iowa Board of Medicine, at 515-281-7088 with the telephone number at which you or your legal counsel can be reached. Board rules on prehearing conferences may be found at 653 IAC 25.15.

4. Hearing Procedures. The procedural rules governing the conduct of the hearing are found at 653 IAC 25. At hearing, you will be allowed the opportunity to respond to the charges against you, to produce evidence on your behalf, cross-examine witnesses, and examine any documents introduced at hearing. You may appear personally or be represented by counsel at your own expense. If you need to request an alternative time or date for hearing, you must review the requirements in 653 IAC 25.16. The hearing may be open to the public or closed to the public at the discretion of the Respondent.

5. Prosecution. The office of the Attorney General is responsible for representing the public interest (the State) in this proceeding. Pleadings shall be filed with the Board and copies should be provided to counsel for the State at the following address: Julie Bussanmas, Assistant Attorney General, Iowa Attorney General's Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

6. Presiding Officer. The Board shall serve as presiding officer, but the Board may request an Administrative Law Judge make initial rulings on prehearing matters, and be present to assist and advise the board at hearing.

7. Communications. You may not contact board members by phone, letter, facsimile, e-mail, or in person about this Notice of Hearing. Board members may only receive information about the case when all parties have notice and an opportunity to participate, such as at the hearing or in pleadings you file with the Board office and serve upon all parties in the case. You may contact Kent M. Nebel, J.D., Legal Director, at 515-281-7088 or to Assistant Attorney General Julie Bussanmas at 515-281-5637.

## **B. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION**

8. Jurisdiction. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 147, 148, and 272C.

9. Legal Authority: If any of the allegations against you are founded, the Board has authority to take disciplinary action against you under Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 147, 148, and 272C (2005) and 653 IAC 25.25.

10. Default. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Board may enter a default decision or proceed with the hearing and render a decision in your absence, in accordance with Iowa Code Section 17A.12(3) and 653 IAC 25.20.

## C. SECTIONS OF STATUTES AND RULES INVOLVED

### COUNT I

11. **Sexual Misconduct:** Respondent is charged pursuant to Iowa Code section 148.6(2)(i) and 653 IAC 23.1(10), 23.1(5) and 13.7(4)(a)-(d) with engaging in sexual misconduct in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. It is unprofessional and unethical conduct, and is grounds for disciplinary action, for a physician to engage in conduct which violates the following prohibitions:

- a.* In the course of providing medical care, a physician shall not engage in contact, touching, or comments of a sexual nature with a patient, or with the patient's parent or guardian if the patient is a minor.
- b.* A physician shall not engage in any sexual conduct with a patient when that conduct occurs concurrent with the physician-patient relationship, regardless of whether the patient consents to that conduct.
- c.* A physician shall not engage in any sexual conduct with a former patient unless the physician-patient relationship was completely terminated before the sexual conduct occurred. In considering whether that relationship was completely terminated, the board will consider the duration of the physician-patient relationship, the nature of the medical services provided, the lapse of time since the physician-patient relationship ended, the degree of dependence in the physician-patient relationship, and the extent to which the physician

used or exploited the trust, knowledge, emotions, or influence derived from the physician-patient relationship.

- d.* A psychiatrist, or a physician who provides mental health counseling to a patient, shall never engage in any sexual conduct with a current or former patient, or with that patient's parent or guardian if the patient was a minor, regardless of whether the patient consents to that conduct.

#### **STATEMENT OF THE MATTERS ASSERTED**

12. **Practice Setting:** Respondent is an Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Grinnell, Iowa.

13. **Sexual Misconduct:** Respondent engaged sexual misconduct in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with a female patient, who was also a family friend and was staying at his home, on multiple occasions in March 2017.

14. **Criminal Charges:** On September 27, 2017, Respondent was charged in Poweshiek County, Iowa, with one count of Sexual Abuse – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, a class C felony and two counts of Assault with Intent to Commit Sexual Abuse, aggravated misdemeanors.

#### **E. SETTLEMENT**

15. Settlement. This matter may be resolved by settlement agreement. The procedural rules governing the Board's settlement process are found at 653 IAC 25.17. If you are interested in pursuing settlement of this matter, please contact Kent M. Nebel, J.D., Legal Director at 515-281-7088.

## F. PROBABLE CAUSE FINDING

16. On December 15, 2017, the Iowa Board of Medicine found probable cause to file this Statement of Charges.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Ulveling MD". The signature is fluid and cursive.

---

Kyle G. Ulveling, M.D., Chair  
Iowa Board of Medicine  
400 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite C  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4686