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

Travis R.B. Brownell, M.D., a 41-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced emergency medicine in Sioux City, Iowa, and currently practices in Fort Dodge, Iowa, had the terms of his disciplinary order terminated by the Board on March 13, 2020. On August 8, 2014, Dr. Brownell entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board charged Dr. Brownell with violating the terms of a physician health contract that he entered into with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) for substance abuse. Under the terms of the August 8, 2014, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Brownell a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty. The Board also placed Dr. Brownell on probation for a period of five (5) years subject to substance abuse and mental health counseling and monitoring. On March 12, 2020, the Board terminated the terms of Dr. Brownell's disciplinary order and his Iowa medical license was returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

Nicholas J. Kuiper, D.O., a 41-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced general surgery in Grinnell, Waterloo, and Carroll, Iowa, entered into a Stipulated Order – Agreement Not to Practice with the Board on March 12, 2020. The Board alleged that Dr. Kuiper violated appropriate professional boundaries in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Additionally, Dr. Kuiper was arrested on Friday November 15, 2019, and charged with second-degree criminal mischief, operating while intoxicated, and eluding. Under the terms of the March 12, 2020, Stipulated Order – Agreement Not to Practice, Dr. Kuiper agreed that he shall not engage in any aspect of the practice of medicine under his Iowa medical license until the Board has entered a final decision in this case.

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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