

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST SCOTT J. PIPER, M.D., RESPONDENT	CASE NOS.: 02-2021-0318 & 02-2022-0372 COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHARGES, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND FINAL ORDER
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COME NOW the Iowa Board of Medicine (Board) and Scott J. Piper, M.D. (Respondent), and enter into this Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order (“Order”) pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10(2), 272C.3(4), and 272C.10.

A. BACKGROUND

1. **Iowa License.** Respondent was issued Iowa medical license MD-34569 on April 10, 2002. Respondent’s medical license is active and will next expire on November 1, 2025.
2. **Practice Setting.** Respondent is an Iowa-licensed physician who practices family medicine in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
3. **Jurisdiction.** The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 147, 148, and 272C.
4. **Allegations.** On January 30, 2024, Respondent entered a plea of guilty to the offense of Assault Causing Mental Illness in violation of Iowa Code sections 708.1 and 708.2(2), a serious misdemeanor, in Linn County case number AGCR149148. The District Associate Court deferred judgment and placed Respondent on a period of supervised probation for two years. The factual basis for guilty plea states “On or about October 28, 2021, [Defendant] engaged in sexual conduct with K.E., who was a patient of [Defendant] at the time.”

B. STATEMENT OF CHARGES

COUNT I

Sexual misconduct. The Board alleges Respondent committed sexual misconduct by engaging in sexual conduct with a patient when that conduct occurred concurrent with the physician-patient relationship. Iowa Admin. Code 653—23.1(5); Iowa Admin. Code 653—13.7(4)(b).

C. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

5. Respondent stipulates that on January 30, 2024, he entered a plea of guilty to the offense of Assault Causing Mental Illness in violation of Iowa Code sections 708.1 and 708.2(2), a serious misdemeanor, in Linn County case number AGCR149148. Respondent stipulates that on or about October 28, 2021, he engaged in sexual conduct with K.E., who was his patient at the time.

6. Respondent stipulates the allegations in Count I constitute grounds for the discipline imposed in this Order.

7. In order to resolve this matter without proceeding to a contested case hearing, Respondent consents to be cited for the disciplinary ground of sexual misconduct as charged in Count I, and he consents to the revocation of his medical license. Respondent agrees he may not apply for reinstatement sooner than ten (10) years from the date of this order.

8. In entering this Settlement Agreement, Respondent acknowledges the following:

- a. This Order is subject to the approval of the Board and will have no force or effect if it is not accepted by the Board.
- b. Counsel for the State will present this Order to the Board *ex parte*.
- c. Respondent has the right to be represented by counsel.
- d. Respondent has a right to contest the allegations in a contested case. By waiving

the hearing, Respondent waives his right to a hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review of this Order.

e. Respondent waives the right to access the Board's investigative file through discovery procedures in a contested case proceeding, and he has been advised the Board's investigative file will remain confidential pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.6(4).

f. The Board is required by federal law to report this Order to the National Practitioner Databank. The report will reflect the language in this Order.

9. This Order constitutes a final order of the Board and the resolution of a contested case. It becomes a public record available for inspection and copying upon execution in accordance with of Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 22, and 272C.

D. FINAL ORDER

The Board concludes the allegations set forth above constitute grounds for discipline. For these reasons and by the agreement of the parties, **THE BOARD HEREBY ORDERS** Respondent is **CITED** for the disciplinary ground of Sexual Misconduct in violation of Iowa Admin. Code 653—23.1(5); Iowa Admin. Code 653—13.7(4)(b). Respondent's Iowa medical license is hereby **REVOKED as of June 30, 2024** with the following restrictions:

- a. Respondent may not accept any new patients between the date this Order is approved by the Board and the date of revocation.
- b. Respondent may see existing patients who require medical care with a chaperone during that time period.
- c. Respondent may not contact patients outside of a professional setting.

- d. Respondent must make staff in his practice aware of the restrictions in this Order.
- e. Respondent must supply a copy of his probationary order to the Board.

Respondent may apply for reinstatement no sooner than ten (10) years from the date of this order. An application for reinstatement must be docketed in this case and must follow the procedures for reinstatement following discipline as outlined in the Board's rules.

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

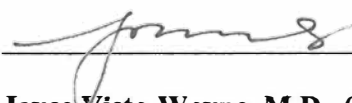
By my signature below, I voluntarily accept and agree to be bound by the terms of this Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order on this 22nd day of April, 2024.



Scott J. Piper, M.D.
RESPONDENT

FOR THE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE:

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by the **IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE** on this 17th day of May, 2024.



Joyce Vista-Wayne, M.D., Chair
Iowa Board of Medicine