BEFORE THE MINNESOTA COPY OF ORIGINAL

## COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE

In the Matter of the Medical License of Beth R. Keegstra, M.D. Year of Birth: 1961

License Number: 56,186

AGREEMENT FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION

This Agreement is entered into by and between Beth R. Keegstra, M.D. ("Respondent"), and the Complaint Review Committee ("Committee") of the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice ("Board") pursuant to the authority of Minn. Stat. § 214.103, subd. 6(a) (2016). Respondent has chosen to be represented by David Bunde, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., 200 South Sixth Street, Suite 4000, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402, telephone (612) 492-7048. The Board was represented by Brian L. Williams, Assistant Attorney General, 1400 Bremer Tower, 445 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, telephone (651) 296-7575.

## **FACTS**

- 1. This Agreement is based upon the following facts:
- a. Respondent was licensed by the Board to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota on March 9, 2013. Respondent is board-certified in emergency medicine. In February 2016, the Board received a complaint alleging that Respondent had been prescribing to a patient in the absence of a physician-patient relationship and without documentation in the patient's medical record.
- b. The Board initiated an investigation into Respondent's practice which revealed that Respondent failed to establish a formal physician-patient relationship with the patient and did not create a chart within the clinic system for the patient, failed to consult the

Minnesota Prescription Monitoring Program regarding the patient because she was unaware of the program, and prescribed various medications to the patient from October 2015 through January 2016.

2. On November 10, 2016, Respondent met with Committee to discuss the information set forth in paragraph 1 above. Based on the discussion, the Committee views Respondent's conduct as inappropriate under Minn. Stat. § 147.091, subd. 1(g) (conduct demonstrating a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare or safety of a patient) and (k) (failure to conform to the minimum standard of care) (2016). Respondent agrees that the conduct cited above constitutes a reasonable basis in law and fact to justify corrective action under this statute.

## **CORRECTIVE ACTION**

- 3. Respondent agrees to address the concerns referred to in paragraph 1 by taking the following corrective action:
- a. Respondent shall successfully complete a professional boundaries course, approved in advance by the Committee or its designee. Successful completion shall be determined by the Board or its designee and must be accomplished within one year of the date of this Agreement.
- b. Following successful completion of the pre-approved course, and within three months, shall write and submit for committee approval a paper describing what she has learned from the required coursework and how she has implemented this knowledge into her practice, and how she will use the Prescription Monitoring Program in her practice.
- c. Respondent shall document review of the Prescription Monitoring

  Program when prescribing controlled substances for patients in her practice.

- 4. This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the Committee and shall remain in effect until Respondent successfully completes the terms of the Agreement. Successful completion shall be determined by the Committee.
- 5. If Respondent fails to complete the corrective action satisfactorily or if the Committee receives additional complaints similar to the allegations described in paragraph 1, the Committee may, in its discretion, reopen the investigation and proceed according to Minn. Stat. chs. 147, 214, and 14. Failure to complete corrective action satisfactorily constitutes failure to cooperate under Minnesota Statutes § 147.131. In any subsequent proceeding, the Committee may use Respondent's agreements herein as proof of the allegations of paragraph 1.
- 6. Upon Respondent's satisfactory completion of the Agreement for Corrective Action, the Committee agrees to issue a letter of satisfaction to Respondent and dismiss the complaint referred to in paragraph 1. Respondent agrees that the Committee shall determine satisfactory completion. Respondent understands and further agrees that if, after dismissal, the Committee receives additional complaints similar to the information in paragraph 1, the Committee may reopen the dismissed complaint.
- 7. Respondent understands that this Agreement does not constitute disciplinary action. Respondent further understands and acknowledges that this Agreement and any letter of satisfaction are classified as public data.
- 8. Respondent hereby acknowledges having read and understood this Agreement and having voluntarily entered into it. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Committee and Respondent, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this Agreement.

Dated: 2/20/17	Dated:	2/27/2017
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BETH R. KEEGSTRA, M.D. Respondent	FOR THE COMMITTEE	

## AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

Re: In the Matter of the Medical License of Beth R. Keegstra, M.D. License No. 56,186

STATE OF MINNESOTA ) ss. COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

SANDRA SYLVESTER, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That at the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, on February 27, 2017, she caused to be served the attached AGREEMENT FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION, by depositing the same in the United States mail at said city and state, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with prepaid first class postage, and addressed to:

David Bunde Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. 200 So. Sixth Street, Suite 4000 Minneapolis, MN 55402

SÁNDRA SYLVESTER

Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 27, 2017.

NOTARY PUBLIC

