

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST

JAMES J PULLEN, M.D., RESPONDENT

FILE NO. 02-11-013

**STATEMENT OF CHARGES and SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
(Combined)**

COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Medicine (Board), and James J. Pullen, M.D., (Respondent), on Apr. 19, 2012, and pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10(2) and 272C.3(4), enter into this combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

1. Respondent was issued Iowa medical license no. 19779 on July 9, 1975.
2. Respondent allowed his Iowa medical license to go inactive due to non-renewal on May 1, 2007.
3. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 147, 148 and 272C.

COUNT I

4. **Sexual Misconduct:** Respondent is charged pursuant to Iowa Code section 148.6(2)(i) and 653 IAC 23.1(10) and 13.7(4)(d) with engaging in sexual misconduct in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa.

STATEMENT OF THE MATTERS ASSERTED

5. Respondent formerly practiced child and adolescent psychiatry in Des Moines, Iowa.

6. Respondent retired from the practice of medicine in 2004.

7. The Board alleges that Respondent engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a former female patient between 2007 and 2010. The former female patient was 28 years-old when the inappropriate relationship began.

8. Respondent filed an Answer in conjunction with this Order, denying the allegations.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

9. **CITATION AND WARNING:** Respondent is hereby **CITED** for engaging in sexual misconduct in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Respondent is hereby **WARNED** that engaging in such conduct in the future will not be tolerated.

10. **CIVIL PENALTY:** Respondent shall pay a **\$10,000 civil penalty** within twenty (20) days of the date of this order. The civil penalty shall be made payable to the Treasurer of Iowa, and mailed to the executive director of the Board. The civil penalty shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

11. **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER:** Respondent voluntarily surrenders his Iowa medical license to resolve this matter.

12. Respondent voluntarily submits this Order to the Board for consideration.

13. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa.

14. This Order constitutes the resolution of a contested case proceeding.

15. Respondent understands that by entering into this combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, Respondent cannot obtain a copy of the investigative file. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.6(4), a copy of the investigative file may only be provided to a licensee after a Statement of Charges is filed but before the final resolution of those charges.

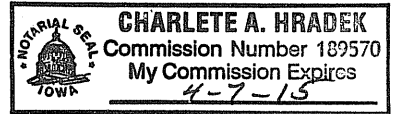
16. This Order is subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Order, it shall be of no force or effect to either party.

17. The Board's approval of this Order shall constitute a **Final Order** of the Board.

James J. Pullen
James J. Pullen, M.D., Respondent

Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 10, 2012.

Notary Public, State of Iowa
Charlete A. Hradek



This Order is approved by the Board on April 19, 2012.

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