

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF MEDICAL AND OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
FOR SOUTH DAKOTA MEDICAL
LICENSURE SUBMITTED BY
CHRISTIE SWENSON MENSCH, MD

FINDINGS OF FACT AND
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners, by and through its Investigative Review Panel, having performed due diligence with regard to the application of Christie Swenson Mensch, MD, for licensure, and the Board being fully advised of the premises, hereby makes and enters its:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Christie Swenson Mensch, MD, hereinafter called Applicant, signed and submitted her initial application for licensure. Applicant provided affirmative answers on the application, and provided explanations regarding her history of illegal drug use, including use of methamphetamine, her history of treatment and counseling for substance abuse and depression, and the monitoring and disciplinary actions placed on her licenses by other state licensing authorities.
2. Applicant was notified that her application was under investigation, and she provided signed Authorization for Release of Information forms to allow the Board staff to obtain more complete information about her treatment, counseling, and monitoring programs, and to obtain additional information regarding the disciplinary actions taken by other state licensing authorities.
3. Applicant was invited to meet with members of the Board's Investigative Review Panel, and a meeting was scheduled; however, the meeting was postponed at the request of the Applicant, and subsequently, she did not reschedule the meeting.
3. On February 24, 2009, the Applicant sent an email message in which she stated that she no longer needed a South Dakota medical license.
4. Applicant was sent a letter informing her that her request would be processed as a "withdrawal while under investigation", which is published on the Board Web site and reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards. Applicant was asked to contact the Board staff by May 27, 2009, if she did not wish to proceed with a request to withdraw her application while under investigation.
5. To the best of the Board staff's knowledge and belief, the Applicant received the letter and she did not initiate or attempt any further contact with Board staff.


CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the application for licensure under the provisions of SDCL Chapter 36-4C.
2. The Applicant has the burden of proving that she is qualified, competent and is of good moral character. The Applicant has not met this burden.
3. The Board staff advised the Applicant that it would recommend to the Board that her application would be considered "withdrawn while under investigation".
4. The Board staff has not received any further communication from the Applicant.
5. The application of Dr. Christie Swenson Mensch is hereby considered "withdrawn while under investigation".

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law herein are approved.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2009

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF MEDICAL AND OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS

By: 
Robert L. Ferrell, MD
President, SDBMOE

THE SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF MEDICAL AND OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE INITIAL
APPLICATION FOR A SOUTH
DAKOTA MEDICAL LICENSE
SUBMITTED BY
CHRISTIE SWENSON MENSCH, MD

ORDER TO GRANT
WITHDRAWAL OF INITIAL
MEDICAL LICENSE
APPLICATION WHILE UNDER
INVESTIGATION

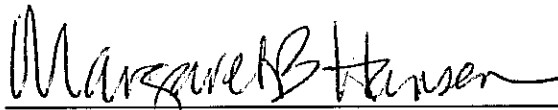
The above-entitled matter having come before the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners, and the Board having been informed that an investigation was initiated by members of the Board's Investigative Review Panel due to information found during the application process; and the applicant subsequently requesting that she be allowed to withdraw the initial application for licensure; and the Board being fully advised in the premises and having heretofore made and entered its Findings Of Fact And Conclusions Of Law,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the request from Christi Swenson Mensch, MD, to withdraw her initial application while under investigation is approved, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and the Order are public documents that will be reported as the Board deems necessary, and placed in the investigative file for further investigation and consideration should the applicant submit an application for licensure in the future.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2009

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Margaret B. Hansen
Executive Director, SDBMOE