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Rep. Nygren Applauds MEB for Approving Prescribing Guidelines

Madison – Wednesday, State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette) released the following statement applauding the Medical Examining Board for approving prescribing guidelines:

“I am proud to announce that Wisconsin’s Medical Examining Board (MEB) has approved prescribing guidelines for medical professionals this week. These guidelines focus on best practices for prescribing and will help educate the medical community about the risks of overprescribing potentially dangerous medications.

“Wisconsin is currently experiencing a prescription opioid epidemic. Instances of overprescribing are far too common, and individuals from all walks of life run the risk of overusing and abusing these addictive drugs.

“Many people believe that all medications prescribed by a doctor are 100% safe. While the vast majority of medical professionals do a wonderful job educating their patients about the dangers of certain drugs, our state is still seeing an overprescribing problem – specifically with opioids.

“The guidelines approved by the MEB this week will help doctors and other prescribing practitioners adhere to best practices for prescribing medications to their patients. These best practices will help curb instances of overprescribing with the goal of stopping opioid addictions before they begin.

“Thank you to the MEB for approving these important guidelines. The medical community and the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) have been an integral part in the fight against prescription opioid addiction. I appreciate Dr. Tim Westlake and Dr. Michael McNett’s hard work on this issue; thank you for your efforts in bringing these guidelines to Wisconsin. Moving forward, I eagerly anticipate continuing to work with the MEB and other medical professionals to combat this epidemic in the future.”

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