

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

BOARD: PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
CASE NO: 91-10727
COMPLAINT MADE BY: Jacqueline Brannan
14586 Stirrup Lane
Wellington, FL 33414
DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED: August 13, 1991
SUBJECT: Wanda Sickel, Ph.D.
10111 West Forest Hill Blvd.
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Wellington, FL 33414
INVESTIGATED BY: Robert Herron
BIS/Palm Beach Gardens
REVIEWED BY: Laura P. Gaffney
RECOMMENDATION: CLOSE (PL-06)

CLOSING ORDER

THE COMPLAINT: Complaint alleges that the Subject violated Section 490.009(2)(c) and (s), Florida Statutes, by failing to meet minimum standards of performance in professional activities.

THE FACTS: Complainant alleges that the Subject inappropriately tested complainant's son and made erroneous diagnostic statements to the complainant. The investigation substantiated the claim. Both the testing and the Subject's statements were inappropriate in light of the purpose of the interaction.

THE LAW: Based on the foregoing, probable cause does exist to believe that the Subject violated Chapter 490, Florida Statutes. However, this will be closed with the issuance of a letter of guidance to the Subject.

It is therefore, ORDERED that the complaint be and the same is hereby CLOSED.

DONE and ORDERED this 9th day of December, 1991.


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Chairman, Probable Cause Panel
Board of Psychological Examiners

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Wanda Bickel, Ph.D.
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RE: Case No. 91-10727

Dear Dr. Bickel:

This letter is sent to inform you of the action taken in regard to the above-referenced complaint. This complaint concerned allegations that you violated subsection 490.009(2)(s), Florida Statutes, by failing to meet the minimum standards of performance in professional activities.

It has been determined that probable cause exists to believe that you have violated the provisions governing the practice of psychology. In light of the circumstances presented, however, this case is closed with issuance of this Letter of Guidance in lieu of further administrative action.

It has been noted that your testing and statements fell below the standard of care due to the lack of focus upon the reason for the evaluation. There were no blatant test results herein which would justify your diagnostic statements to the mother.

I would encourage you to familiarize yourself with the statutes and rules governing the practice of psychology and to abide by these provisions in the future. If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Laura P. Gaffney
Senior Attorney

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