

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY
DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

In the Matter of

RONALD HOWARD BRADLEY, D.O.
License No. 51-01-009024

Complaint No. 51-17-148080

CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

CONSENT ORDER

An administrative complaint was filed with the Disciplinary Subcommittee of the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery on November 27, 2018 charging Ronald Howard Bradley, D.O. (Respondent) with having violated sections 16221(a) and (b)(i) of the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, as amended, MCL 333.1101 *et seq.*

The parties have stipulated that the Disciplinary Subcommittee may enter this consent order. The Disciplinary Subcommittee has reviewed the stipulation contained in this document and agrees that the public interest is best served by resolution of the outstanding complaint. Therefore, the Disciplinary Subcommittee finds that the allegations of fact contained in the complaint are true and that Respondent has violated section 16221(a) of the Public Health Code.

Accordingly, for these violations, IT IS ORDERED:

Respondent is REPRIMANDED.

Respondent is FINED \$1,000.00 to be paid by check, money order or cashier's check made payable to the State of Michigan (with complaint number 51-17-148080 clearly indicated on the check or money order), and shall be payable within 60 days of the effective date of this order. The timely payment of the fine shall be Respondent's responsibility. Respondent shall mail the fine to: Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Bureau of Professional Licensing, Enforcement Division, Compliance Section, P.O. Box 30189, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

If Respondent fails to timely pay the fine, his license shall be suspended until payment is received. If Respondent's license remains suspended for longer than six months and one day, reinstatement is not automatic. If Respondent petitions for reinstatement of his license, the petition shall be in accordance with sections 16245 and 16247 of the Public Health Code and Mich Admin Code, R 792.10711. Under these provisions, Respondent must demonstrate the following by clear and convincing evidence: (1) good moral character; (2) the ability to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety; (3) satisfaction of the guidelines on reinstatement adopted by the Department; and (4) that it is in the public interest for the license to be reinstated.

Count II of the complaint, alleging a violation of section 16221(b)(i) of the Public Health Code, is DISMISSED.

Respondent shall direct any communications to the Department that are required by the terms of this order to: Department of Licensing and Regulatory

Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing, Enforcement Division, Compliance
Section, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Respondent shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in
complying with the terms and conditions of this consent order.

Respondent shall be responsible for the timely compliance with the terms of
this consent order, including the timely filing of any documentation. Failure to
comply within the time limitations provided will constitute a violation of this order.

If Respondent violates any term or condition set forth in this order,
Respondent will be in violation of Mich Admin Code, R 338.1632, and section
16221(h) of the Public Health Code.

This order shall be effective thirty days from the date signed by the
Chairperson of the Disciplinary Subcommittee or the Disciplinary Subcommittee's
authorized representative, as set forth below.

Signed on 4.4.19

MICHIGAN BOARD OF
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND
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By Shirley Thompson
Chairperson, Disciplinary
Subcommittee

STIPULATION

The parties stipulate as follows:

1. The facts alleged in the complaint are true and constitute a violation of the Public Health Code.

2. Respondent understands and intends that, by signing this stipulation, he is waiving the right under the Public Health Code, rules promulgated under the Public Health Code, and the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*, to require the Department to prove the charges set forth in the complaint by presentation of evidence and legal authority, and to present a defense to the charges before the Disciplinary Subcommittee or its authorized representative. Should the Disciplinary Subcommittee reject the proposed consent order, the parties reserve the right to proceed to hearing.

3. The Disciplinary Subcommittee may enter the above Consent Order. An attorney from the Licensing and Regulation Division may discuss this matter with the Disciplinary Subcommittee in order to recommend acceptance of this resolution.

4. The parties considered the following factors in reaching this agreement:

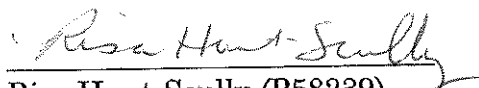
- A. A compliance conference was held on February 15, 2019 during which Respondent provided a professional practice evaluation from Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services dated December 13, 2018 indicating he “meets or exceeds expectations” in all categories for the fall 2018 review. The competencies for which Respondent was evaluated included the following: Patient Care; Medical/Clinical Knowledge;

Practice-Based Learning & Improvement; Interpersonal and Communication Skills; Professionalism; and System-Based Practice.

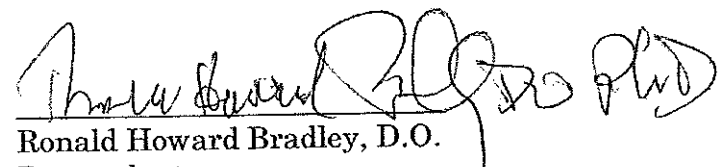
- B. Respondent advised that although his contract with McLaren Greater Lansing was discontinued due to the concerns outlined in the administrative complaint, McLaren Port Huron chose to contract with him to provide psychiatric services in its facility. Respondent provided documentation from McLaren Port Huron dated October 10, 2018 indicating that he has contracted with them until 2021.
- C. Respondent has been licensed for over thirty years and this is the first disciplinary action he has encountered. Respondent accepts responsibility for his conduct addressed in the administrative complaint and desires to resolve the complaint through a stipulation.

By signing this stipulation, the parties confirm that they have read, understand and agree with the terms of the consent order.

AGREED TO BY:


Risa Hunt-Scully (P58239)
Assistant Attorney General
Attorney for Complainant
Dated: 3-11-19

AGREED TO BY:


Ronald Howard Bradley, D.O.
Respondent
Dated: 3/10/2019

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

Attorney General Bill Schuette, through Assistant Attorney General Risa Hunt-Scully, on behalf of the Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing (Complainant), files this Complaint against Ronald Howard Bradley, D.O. (Respondent), alleging upon information and belief as follows:

1. The Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, an administrative agency established by the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, as amended, MCL 333.1101 *et seq.*, is empowered to discipline licensees under the Code through its Disciplinary Subcommittee.
2. Respondent is currently licensed to practice osteopathic medicine pursuant to the Public Health Code. At all times relevant to this complaint, Respondent, a psychiatrist, was a contractual employee of McLaren Greater Lansing Hospital.
3. Section 16221(a) of the Code authorizes the Disciplinary Subcommittee to take disciplinary action against a licensee for a violation of general duty,

consisting of negligence or failure to exercise due care, including negligent delegation to, or supervision of employees or other individuals, whether or not injury results, or any conduct, practice, or condition that impairs, or may impair, the ability to safely and skillfully practice as a doctor.

4. Section 16221(b)(i) of the Code authorizes the Disciplinary Subcommittee to take disciplinary action against a licensee for incompetence, which is defined in section 16106(1) of the Code to mean "a departure from, or failure to conform to, minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing practice from the health profession, whether or not actual injury to an individual occurs."

5. Section 16226 of the Code authorizes the Disciplinary Subcommittee to impose sanctions against persons licensed by the Board if, after opportunity for a hearing, the Disciplinary Subcommittee determines that a licensee violated one or more of the subdivisions contained in section 16221 of the Code.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

6. Respondent was employed as a psychiatrist with McLaren Greater Lansing Hospital from March 1, 2016 until August 15, 2017.

7. On July 30, 2017, patient J.F. (initials used to protect confidentiality) presented to McLaren Greater Lansing Hospital's emergency room by the Lansing Police Department for a well-check evaluation. Upon presentment, J.F. complained of severe abdominal pain associated with a previous diagnosis of Crohn's disease. J.F. also expressed hopelessness and appeared to be agitated.

8. On July 30, 2017, the emergency room attending physician, Dr. Perry-Ockerman, ordered a psychiatric consultation for J.F.

9. On August 1, 2017, Respondent responded to the emergency room to evaluate J.F. Respondent completed a clinical certificate, certifying that he had personally examined J.F. and that J.F. was a mentally ill person requiring treatment (hospitalization) due to a likelihood J.F. would injure himself or others.

10. On August 1, 2017, Dr. Linda Peterson, psychiatrist and Chief Medical Officer of McLaren Greater Lansing Hospital, was alerted by staff of concern that Respondent had not adequately examined J.F. and that J.F. may not actually require psychiatric hospitalization. Dr. Peterson subsequently evaluated J.F. and determined he did not require hospitalization.

11. Respondent failed to document his examination of J.F. in J.F.'s chart.

12. On August 8, 2017, Dr. Peterson spoke with Respondent. Respondent admitted to having not performed a complete evaluation and examination on J.F. and that he relied on J.F.'s medical history to complete the clinical certificate. Respondent advised he had been overwhelmed with too many patients at the time. Respondent further admitted to Dr. Peterson that he did not read J.F. the certification rights contained in the clinical certificate before evaluating J.F.

13. On January 11, 2018, in an interview with a department investigator, Respondent admitted that he had not documented his examination of J.F. in J.F.'s chart because he was overwhelmed. When asked whether he would do anything differently, Respondent advised that he would have documented in J.F.'s chart.

COUNT I

14. Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes a violation of general duty consisting of negligence or failure to exercise due care in violation of section 16221(a) of the Code.

COUNT II

15. Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes incompetence in violation of section 16221(b)(i) of the Code.

THEREFORE, Complainant requests that this Complaint be served upon Respondent and that Respondent be offered an opportunity to show compliance with all lawful requirements for retention of the aforesaid license. If compliance is not shown, Complainant further requests that formal proceedings be commenced pursuant to the Public Health Code, rules promulgated pursuant to it, and the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*

RESPONDENT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that, pursuant to section 16231(8) of the Public Health Code, Respondent has 30 days from receipt of this complaint to submit a written response to the allegations contained in it. The written response shall be submitted to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan, 48909, with a copy to the undersigned assistant attorney general. Further, pursuant to section 16231(9), failure to submit a written response within 30 days shall be treated as an admission of the allegations contained in the complaint and shall result in

transmittal of the complaint directly to the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee for imposition of an appropriate sanction.

Respectfully submitted,

BILL SCHUETTE
Attorney General



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P.O. Box 30758
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Dated: 11-27-18