

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE**

IN THE MATTER OF:

WILLIAM BRADEN, M.D.

Case No. C12-090

License Number MD04690

Controlled Substances Registration Number CMD04690

CONSENT ORDER

William Braden, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island and is licensed to prescribe controlled substances under Rhode Island General Laws chapter 21-28, having both a state Controlled Substances Registration and a Federal Drug Enforcement Administration Registration to prescribe controlled substances. The investigating committee found the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a licensed physician in Rhode Island. He was born in 1943 and has a medical degree from Harvard Medical School. Respondent maintains a medical office located at 345 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, RI. His primary specialty is psychiatry and he has admitting privileges at Butler Hospital in Providence.
2. An investigation by the Rhode Island Department of Health in 2013 revealed multiple areas of concern with Dr. Braden's practice, including frequent instances of early renewal of controlled substances, failure to adequately chart, failure to utilize pain-management agreements with patients using controlled substances, acceptance of previously dispensed medications from patients, and

3. The Respondent's acts constituted a civil violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 5-37-5.1(26) for civil violation of state laws concerning standards of practice and prescribing of controlled substances.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent has agreed to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board, and this Consent Order is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
3. If ratified by the Board, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review.
4. Respondent has attended an extensive Board-approved training program prescribing controlled drugs at the University of Florida. The training program was completed on April 26, 2013.

5. Respondent shall remit a fee of \$2500 to the Rhode Island Department of Health, payable to the State of Rhode Island, for costs associated with investigation of the complaint upon which this Consent Order is based.
6. Respondent understands this is a public action, reportable to other entities including but not limited to; Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline web site, Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and National Practitioner Data Bank NPDB)
7. Respondent has submitted proof of successful completion of the course outlined in paragraph (4) above and therefore he may resume prescribing controlled substances but shall immediately institute pain-management agreements with each patient for whom he prescribes a Narcotic controlled substance, shall document and specify which diagnosis or diagnoses that support each Narcotic controlled substance prescription, shall maintain a narcotics log for each such patient, shall perform toxicology screening of any such patient who exhibits drug-seeking behavior or repeated early pharmacy requests for controlled substances; and shall require any patient who has a controlled Narcotic substance prescription to have it filled at a Rhode Island pharmacy only. Respondent agrees to utilize the Prescription Monitoring Program ("PMP") to monitor his patients' use of controlled substances and monitor patient's utilization, specifically not to refill patient's medications early.
8. Respondent agrees to prescribe Narcotic controlled substances only for patients under his care at the time of ratification of this agreement by the Board. He will not accept new pain management patients, nor will he write prescriptions for Narcotic controlled substances for any new patients after the ratification date

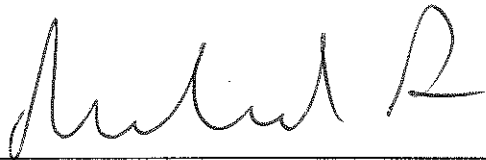
9. Respondent shall for a period of at least twelve (12) months and not to exceed 24 months retain and cooperate with Dr. Brandon Krupp, who has a practice located at 4160 Old Post Road, Charlestown, RI for the purpose of monitoring narcotic prescribing practices and documentation. Respondent agrees to submit at least ten patient charts per session to Dr. Krupp for review, agrees to meet in person as required by Dr. Krupp, and agrees to submit to any other monitoring that Dr. Krupp feels is appropriate and needed. Respondent agrees that Dr. Krupp will submit periodical reports to the Board, and may converse with the Board or its representative at any time regarding his monitoring of Respondent.
10. Respondent will remain on probation for two years following ratification of this order by the Board.
11. In the event that any term of this Consent Order is violated, after signed and accepted, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to summarily suspend the Respondent's license and/or impose further disciplinary action. If the Director suspends the license and/or imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days of the suspension and/or further discipline. The Director of the Department of Health shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder of Respondent's licensing period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 6th day of June, 2013.



William Braden., M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 12 day of June, 2013.



Michael Fine, M.D.
Director of Health