

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

08-250
09-252

IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM P. KYROS, M.D.
License Number MD 6880

AGREEMENT TO CEASE PRACTICE

The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") received notice that the Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct by engaging in serious professional boundary violations with patients. An Investigating Committee of the Board convened and considered the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegations and has found probable cause for discipline. The Investigating Committee's Findings of fact and conclusions of law are set forth below.

FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent is a physician licensed to practice in Rhode Island since June 1986. He is a 1980 graduate of St. Georges University School of Medicine in Grenada and is Board Certified in General Psychiatry. The Department of Health received information concerning three boundary violations with women who were his patients.
2. The boundary violations date back to the early 1990s and more recently this year. The Board learned of this information while investigating a complaint that occurred in April of 2009.

3. The Board learned also that the Respondent was working as an employee in a mental health practice that lacked proper licensure and organizational structure.
4. When the president of the mental health practice learned of information concerning two boundary violations, he did not refer them to the Board. He undertook measures such as tape recording patient sessions without their consent in order to protect the patients and the practice.
5. The Board finds that this practice violated the Confidentiality of Health Care Information and Communications act, the state mental health law and the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
6. The complaints to the Board implicate the provisions of R.I.G.L.5-37-5.1 (30) for sexual contact between a doctor and a patient.

The parties agree as follows:

- (a) The Respondent is a physician licensed and doing business under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, allopathic license number MD 06880;
- (b) Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board;
- (c) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - (1) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - (2) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a

hearing;

(3) The right to cross-examine witnesses;

(4) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;

(5) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;

(6) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;

(7) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;

(8) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order;

(9) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order. The signing of this Consent Order is for settlement purposes only.

(10) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.

ORDER

Respondent agrees to cease practicing any branch of medicine. The Respondent agrees to go for an evaluation at the Sante Center for Healing, Argyle, TX. The evaluation report must be sent directly to the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. The Board will make a determination on final sanctions after it reviews and considers the evaluation report from Sante Center for Healing.

William P. Kyros, MD
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Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held
on _____, 2009.



David R. Gifford, M.D., MPH
Director of Health