

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND LICENSING
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**IN THE MATTER OF: CATHERINE HOEFLIGER GALLO
LICENSEE NO.: PS01051
COMPLAINT ID #: C23-0153**

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §5-44-1, *et seq.*, the Board of Psychology (the “Board”) has investigated Complaint No. C23-0153 (the “Complaint”) filed against Catherine Hoefliger Gallo Licensee No. PS01051 (“Respondent”). After review and consideration by the Board with respect to the allegations of unprofessional conduct of Respondent, the following are and shall constitute:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent is a psychologist licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island, License Number PS01051.
2. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed at Providence Behavioral Health Associates, 1075 Smith Street, Providence, RI, and engaged in the practice of psychology in the State of Rhode Island.
3. On or about February 19, 2023, RIDOH received Complaint No. C23-0153, alleging that between March 2016 through December 2017, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-44-18(5) and 5-44-18(6).

ACCORDINGLY AND BASED ON THE FOREGOING

4. Respondent admits to the findings of fact in paragraphs 1–3.
5. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
6. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands this Consent Order shall become binding upon execution by Respondent and the Board.
7. Respondent understands the purpose of this Consent Order is solely to resolve the Complaint and constitutes an agreement between Respondent and the Board.

8. Respondent acknowledges that the Board intends to rely upon Respondent's compliance with these terms and conditions described herein as an inducement to enter into this Consent Order.
9. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a) The right to have an administrative hearing on this matter;
 - b) The right to represent oneself or be represented by an attorney of Respondent's own choosing at said hearing;
 - c) The right to present testimony, evidence and witnesses on Respondent's behalf;
 - d) The right to cross-examine witnesses presented by the Board;
 - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f) The right to take an appeal from the terms of this Consent Order; and
 - g) Any objection that this Consent Order will (i) be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, (ii) become a permanent part of Respondent's record maintained by RIDOH and a part of the public record of this proceeding, or (iii) be posted on RIDOH's public website.

SANCTIONS

10. The Board and Respondent hereby agree that Respondent is hereby issued the sanction of a Probation, beginning the day this Consent Order is executed (the "Effective Date").
11. Commencing with the Effective Date, Respondent's psychology license shall be subject to a period of "active probation" until Respondent satisfies all requirements described herein (the "Probation Period").
12. During the Probation Period, Respondent shall complete the following continuing education and/or trainings:
 - A. Department of Children, Youth and Families' (DCYF) Mandatory Reporting Training: Understanding the SAFE Model, and
 - B. Three (3) hours of continuing education on the topics of ethics.
13. Respondent shall submit evidence to RIDOH via DOH.PRCCompliance@health.ri.gov that the above continuing education has been completed.
14. These trainings are in addition to the renewal continuing education requirements.
15. Respondent shall submit to the Board evidence of certificates of completion from approved continuing education programs for the most recent renewal cycle.
16. Respondent shall notify the Board of any lapse in employment during the Probation Period.
17. Respondent shall provide the Board with the names and addresses of any new employers and the reasons for such changes.
18. Upon completion of all requirements during the Probation Period, Respondent may apply to the Board for an unrestricted license to practice as a psychologist.

19. Any violation of, or failure to adhere to, the terms of this Consent Order shall constitute unprofessional conduct and subject Respondent to further disciplinary action at the discretion of the Board, including but not limited to Suspension or Revocation.

Catherine Hoefliger
Catherine Hoefliger (Apr 4, 2024 05:52 EDT)
CATHERINE HOEFLIGER GALLO
LICENSEE NO.: PS01051

Peter Oppenheimer (PhD)
PETER OPPENHEIMER, BOARD CHAIR
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Date Signed:

04/04/24

Date Signed:

4/8/24
