

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

**vs.**

**JOHN E. MURPHY, Psy.D.**

**CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to Section 5-44-19 the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2011 Reenactment, and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Department of Health (hereinafter "Department"), the Board of Examiners in Psychology (hereinafter "Board") has investigated a complaint charging John E. Murphy (hereinafter "Respondent") with a violation of Section 5-44-19 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2011 Reenactment.

After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a licensed psychologist licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That Respondent engaged in an intimate personal relationship with a current patient.

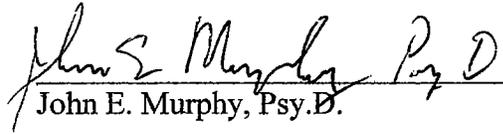
The conduct described in paragraph two (2) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Section 5-44-19 of the Rhode Island General Laws and the Rules and Regulation promulgated thereunder.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a psychologist licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.

2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to the final approval by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final approval by the Department.
4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
  - b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
  - c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
  - d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
  - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein; and
  - f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order.
5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties.
6. That Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations that form the basis of this complaint.
7. That Respondent agrees to the voluntary surrender of his license to practice as a psychologist.
8. That this Consent Order shall remain in effect until further action of the Board.

10/5/2011  
Date

  
John E. Murphy, Psy.D.

10/12/11  
Date

  
Edward D'Arezzo  
Interim Associate Director of Health  
Division of Environmental and Health Services  
Regulation