

KS State Board of Healing Arts

BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of)	13
)	Docket No. 74-HA00065K
Daniel Bortnick, M.D.)	OAH No. 14HA0005
Kansas License No. 04-22406)	

CONSENT ORDER

COMES NOW, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, ("Board"), by and through Stacy R. Bond, Associate Litigation Counsel ("Petitioner"), and Daniel Bortnick, M.D. ("Licensee"), by and through his counsel, Jonathan Bortnick, and move the Board for approval of a Consent Order affecting Licensee's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas. The Parties stipulate and agree to the following:

- Licensee's last known mailing address to the Board is: 11550 Granada Rd.,
 Leawood, Kansas 66211.
- Licensee is or has been entitled to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery
 in the State of Kansas, having been issued License No. 04-22406 on
 approximately December 8, 1999. Licensee's license is active.
- The Board is the sole and exclusive administrative agency in the State of Kansas authorized to regulate the practice of the healing arts, specifically the practice of medicine and surgery. K.S.A. 65-2801 et seq. and K.S.A. 65-2869.
- 4. This Consent Order and the filing of such document are in accordance with applicable law and the Board has jurisdiction to enter into the Consent Order as provided by K.S.A. 77-505 and 65-2838. Upon approval, these stipulations shall

constitute the findings of the Board, and this Consent Order shall constitute the Board's Final Order.

- 5. The Kansas Healing Arts Act is constitutional on its face and as applied in this case. Licensee agrees that, in considering this matter, the Board is not acting beyond its jurisdiction as provided by law.
- 6. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives his right to a hearing. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives his right to present a defense by oral testimony and documentary evidence, to submit rebuttal evidence, and to conduct cross-examination of witnesses. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly agrees to waive all possible substantive and procedural motions and defenses that could be raised if an administrative hearing were held.
- 7. The terms and conditions of the Consent Order are entered into between the undersigned parties and are submitted for the purpose of allowing these terms and conditions to become an Order of the Board. This Consent Order shall not be binding on the Board until an authorized signature is affixed at the end of this document. Licensee specifically acknowledges that counsel for the Board is not authorized to sign this Consent Order on behalf of the Board.
- 8. The Board has received information and investigated the same, and has reason to believe that there may be grounds pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2836, to take action with respect to Licensee's license under the Kansas Healing Arts Act, K.S.A. 65-2801, et seq.
- On or about July 18, 2011, Patient 1, a female born on August 17, 1951,
 requested her medical records from Licensee.

- 10. On or about July 22, 2011, Patient 1's medical records were sent to her.
 However, upon inspection, Patient 1 learned that all of her records were not included. Patient 1 contacted Licensee's office and requested her remaining medical records.
- 11. Patient 1 stated that she was informed by Licensee's office that all of the records were not dictated and that she had to pay her outstanding bill in full before her records would be released.
- 12. In a letter dated September 20, 2011, Licensee states, "Patient 1[sic] was notified by the billing department that her account was past due and a payment would need to be made before any additional information would be released. At this time, she was also informed of the charge for medical records. A payment was made to the past due balance August 30, 2011, with no mention of medical records" Licensee further states, "To date all Patient 1's [sic] records have been released to her at no charge."
- 13. Licensee acknowledges that if formal hearing proceedings were conducted and Licensee presented no exhibits, witnesses, or other evidence, the Board has sufficient evidence to prove that Licensee has violated the Kansas Healing Arts Act with respect to the above allegations. Licensee further waives his right to dispute or otherwise contest the allegations contained in the above paragraphs in any further proceeding before this Board.
- 14. Licensee violated K.S.A. 65-2836(k), in that Licensee violated any lawful rule and/or regulation promulgated by the Board. Specifically, Licensee violated

- K.A.R. 100-22-1 by requiring Patient 1 to make a payment on her outstanding bill prior to releasing the entire medical record to the Patient.
- 15. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2836, the Board may revoke, suspend, limit, censure or place under probationary conditions Licensee's license and pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2863a the Board has the authority to impose administrative fines for violations of the Kansas Healing Arts Act.
- 16. According to K.S.A.65-2838(b) and K.S.A. 77-505, the Board has authority to enter into this Consent Order without the necessity of proceeding to a formal hearing.
- 17. All pending investigation materials in KSBHA Investigation number 12-00213 regarding Licensee, were fully reviewed and considered by the Board members who serve on the Board's Disciplinary Panel. Disciplinary Panel No. 27 authorized and directed Board counsel to seek settlement of this matter with the provisions contained in this Consent Order.
- 18. Licensee further understands and agrees that if the Board finds, after due written notice and an opportunity for a hearing, that Licensee has failed to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order, the Board may immediately impose any sanction provided for by law, including but not limited to suspension or revocation of Licensee's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas. Licensee hereby expressly understands and agrees that, at any such hearing, the sole issue shall be whether or not Licensee has failed to comply with any of the terms or conditions set forth in this Consent Order. The Board acknowledges that at any such hearing, Licensee retains the right to confront and

examine all witnesses, present evidence, testify on his own behalf, contest the allegations, present oral argument, appeal to the courts, and all other rights set forth in the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act, K.S.A. 77-501 et seq., and the Kansas Healing Arts Act, K.S.A. 65-2801 et seq.

- 19. Nothing in this Consent Order shall be construed to deny the Board jurisdiction to investigate alleged violations of the Kansas Healing Arts Act, or to investigate complaints received under the Risk Management Law, K.S.A. 65-4921 et seq., that are known or unknown and are not covered under this Consent Order, or to initiate formal proceedings based upon known or unknown allegations of violations of the Kansas Healing Arts Act.
- 20. Licensee hereby releases the Board, its individual members (in their official and personal capacity), attorneys, employees and agents, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Releasees", from any and all claims, including but not limited to those alleged damages, actions, liabilities, both administrative and civil, including the Kansas Judicial Review Act, K.S.A. 77-601 et seq. arising out of the investigation and acts leading to the execution of this Consent Order. This release shall forever discharge the Releasees of any and all claims or demands of every kind and nature that Licensee has claimed to have had at the time of this release or might have had, either known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, and Licensee shall not commence to prosecute, cause or permit to be prosecuted, any action or proceeding of any description against the Releasees.

- 21. Licensee further understands and agrees that upon signature by Licensee, this document shall be deemed a public record and shall be reported to any entities authorized to receive disclosure of this Consent Order.
- 22. This Consent Order, when signed by both parties, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may only be modified or amended by a subsequent document executed in the same manner by the parties.
- 23. Licensee agrees that all information maintained by the Board pertaining to the nature and result of any complaint and/or investigation may be fully disclosed to and considered by the Board in conjunction with the presentation of any offer of settlement, even if Licensee is not present. Licensee further acknowledges that the Board may conduct further inquiry as it deems necessary before the complete or partial acceptance or rejection of any offer of settlement.
- 24. Licensee, by signature to this document, waives any objection to the participation of the Board members, including the Disciplinary Panel and General Counsel, in the consideration of this offer of settlement and agrees not to seek the disqualification or recusal of any Board member or General Counsel in any future proceedings on the basis that the Board member or General Counsel has received investigative information from any source which otherwise may not be admissible or admitted as evidence.
- 25. Licensee acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and fully understands the contents.
- 26. Licensee acknowledges that this Consent Order has been entered into freely and voluntarily.

- 27. All correspondence or communication between Licensee and the Board relating to the Consent Order shall be by certified mail addressed to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, Attn: Compliance Coordinator, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A, Topeka, Kansas 66612.
- 28. Licensee shall obey all federal, state and local laws and rules governing the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas that may be in place at the time of execution of the Consent Order or may become effective subsequent to the execution of this document.
- 29. Upon execution of this Consent Order by affixing a Board authorized signature below, the provisions of this Consent Order shall become an Order under K.S.A. 65-2838. This Consent Order shall constitute the Board's Final Order when filed with the office of the Executive Director for the Board and no further Order is required.
- 30. This Consent Order constitutes non-disciplinary action.
- 31. The Board may consider all aspects of this Consent Order in any future matter regarding Licensee.
- 32. In lieu of conducting a formal proceeding, Licensee, by signature affixed to this Consent Order, hereby voluntarily agrees to the following non-disciplinary action against his license to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery:

FINES

33. Licensee is hereby ordered to pay a CIVIL FINE pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2863a in the amount of \$1000.00 The total amount of \$1000.00 shall be due on or before January 1, 2014.

34. In the alternative, Licensee may make monthly payments of \$83.33 for eleven (11) months with a twelfth (12th) and final monthly payment of 83.37 for a total of \$1000.00 to be paid over twelve (12) months. The initial payment is due on or before December 15, 2013, with the remainder of the monthly payments due on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of each month thereafter.

35. In the event that the Board does not receive a payment due and owing, the total amount of the levied FINE still due shall become immediately due and payable in full upon written notice by the Board to Licensee stating that payment has not been received.

36. Licensee shall make all payments payable to the Kansas State Board of Healing
Arts and send all payments to the attention of: Compliance Coordinator, Kansas
State Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A, Topeka,
Kansas 66612.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Consent Order and agreement of the parties contained herein is adopted by the Board as findings of fact, conclusions of law, and as a Final Order of the Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this 18 day of 2013.

FOR THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS:

Kathleen Selzler Lipper

Executive Director

Date

Daniel Bortnick, M.D.
Licensee

11/14/13
Date

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the Consent Order by United States mail, postage prepaid, on this Aday of Aday of

to the following:

Daniel Bortnick, M.D. Licensee 11550 Granada Rd. Leawood, Kansas 66211

Jonathan Bortnick Attorney for Licensee 1222 McGee Kansas City, MO 64106

And the original and one copy was hand-filed with:

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