

IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, *ex rel.*)
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD)
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE)
AND SUPERVISION,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
)
WILLIAM C. BRADFORD, JR., M.D.,)
LICENSE NO. MD 11776,)
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Defendant.)

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OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

Case No. 19-01-5694

**ORDER ACCEPTING
VOLUNTARY SUBMITTAL TO JURISDICTION**

The State of Oklahoma, *ex rel.* Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (“Board”), by and through the undersigned counsel for the Plaintiff, as represented by the Secretary of the Board, Billy H. Stout, M.D., and the Executive Director of the Board, Lyle Kelsey, along with William C. Bradford, Jr., M.D. (“Defendant”), Oklahoma medical license no. 11776, who appears in person, and through counsel Gary A. Rife of Rife Law Office (collectively, the “Parties”), and offer this Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction (herein, “Order” or “Agreement”) for acceptance by the Board. Okla. Admin. Code § 435:5-1-5.1.

By voluntarily submitting to jurisdiction and entering into this Order, Defendant admits to the allegations herein contained and further acknowledges that a hearing before the Board could result in some sanction under the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act (“Act”). 59 O.S. § 480, *et seq.*

Defendant, William C. Bradford, Jr., M.D., states that he is of sound mind and is not under the influence of, or impaired by, any medication or drug and that he fully recognizes his right to appear before the Board for an evidentiary hearing on the allegations made against him. Defendant hereby voluntarily waives his right to a full hearing, submits to the jurisdiction of the Board and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this Order. Defendant acknowledges that he has read and understands the terms and conditions stated herein, and that this Agreement may be reviewed and discussed with him by legal counsel prior to execution.

If the Board does not accept this Order, the Parties stipulate that it shall be regarded as null and void. Admissions by Defendant herein, if any, shall not be regarded as evidence against him in a subsequent disciplinary hearing. Defendant will be free to defend himself and no

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inferences will be made from his willingness to have this Order accepted by the Board. The Parties stipulate that neither the presentation of this Order nor the Board's consideration of this Order shall be deemed to have unfairly or illegally prejudiced the Board or its individual members and, therefore, shall not be grounds for precluding the Board nor any individual Board member from further participation in proceedings related to the matters set forth herein.

Findings of Fact

The Plaintiff, Defendant, and the Board staff stipulate and agree as follows:

1. In Oklahoma, Defendant holds medical license no. 11776, originally issued July 1, 1978.
2. On April 22, 2019 Defendant agreed not to practice.
3. On June 10, 2019, a Verified Complaint for Professional Misconduct and Citation were each filed by the Board. Hearing was set for November 7, 2019. Defendant was served on June 13, 2019, a Return of Service by Agent was prepared by Board Investigator Larry Carter, and filed June 13, 2019.
4. The allegations set forth in the Verified Complaint include the following:
 - a. This action arises out of OIG Investigator Scott Jones' report to OBMLS Investigator Robbin Roberts and DEA Agent Mary Surovec on January 20, 2019, that Defendant admitted that he ordered Tramadol under his own DEA number for personal use and had it mailed to the VA hospital where he was employed.
 - b. DEA Agent Surovec located two (2) invoices that confirmed Defendant ordered Diazepam 10 mg, #100 and Tramadol HCL 50 mg, #500.

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- c. On January 24, 2019, Investigator Roberts and DEA Agent Surovec interviewed Defendant at the Board office.
- d. Defendant was a radiologist and worked at the Oklahoma City VA hospital.
- e. Defendant stated that a few years ago, he was prescribed Tramadol for restless leg syndrome. Defendant stated that it worked well, and when he ran out and his doctor had retired, he ordered it for himself in November, 2017, and again in November, 2018.
- f. Defendant also admitted he did not have a record for himself and did not keep dispensing records for DEA.
- g. Defendant stated that he submitted to a urine analysis at work on Friday, January 18, 2019, and was placed on leave pending the results. Defendant knew it would be a positive for Tramadol and he didn't have a recent valid prescription.

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- h. Investigator Roberts requested Defendant obtain a substance abuse assessment. Defendant completed an assessment on February 8, 2019, at Professional Renewal Center in Lawrence, Kansas, which he did.
 - i. Defendant retired from the Veterans Administration effective on March 8, 2019.
 - j. Defendant voluntarily surrendered his DEA permit.
 - k. On April 22, 2019, Defendant entered into an Agreement Not to Practice with the Board.
- 5. An Answer to Complaint was filed on June 28, 2019 by Gary A. Rife as counsel for Defendant.
 - 6. Orders of Continuance with Notice of Hearing were filed on October 23, 2019 and December 30, 2019. Hearing on the Verified Complaint and all deadlines were reset to the Board meeting on March 5, 2020.

Conclusions of Law

- 7. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and is a duly authorized agency of the State of Oklahoma empowered to license and oversee the activities of physicians and surgeons in the State of Oklahoma. 59 O.S. § 480 *et seq.* and Okla. Admin. Code §§ 435:5-1-1 *et seq.*
- 8. Notice was provided as required by law and the rules of the Board. 75 O.S. § 309; 59 O.S. § 504; Okla. Admin. Code §§ 435:3-3-5, 435:3-3-6.
- 9. The Board is authorized to suspend, revoke or order any other appropriate conditions against the license of any physician or surgeon holding a license to practice medicine in the State of Oklahoma for unprofessional conduct. 59 O.S. §§ 503, 513(A)(1). The Board's action is authorized by 59 O.S. §§ 509.1.
- 10. The Board is authorized to accept voluntary submittals to jurisdiction mutually agreed to by parties to a disciplinary action to resolve the action without need for a hearing. 75 O.S. § 309(E); Okla. Admin. Code § 435:5-1-5.1.
- 11. Based on the foregoing, Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct as follows:
 - a. Failure to keep complete and accurate records of purchase and disposal of controlled drugs, in violation of 59 O.S. § 509(10);
 - b. Purchasing or prescribing any regulated substance in Schedule I through V, as defined by the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, for the physician's personal use, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(5);

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- c. Ordering any drug legally classified as a controlled substance for himself, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(26).

Orders

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as follows:

1. The Board hereby adopts the Agreement of the Parties in this Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction, including the findings of fact and conclusions of law stated herein.
2. **WILLIAM C. BRADFORD, JR., M.D.**, Oklahoma medical license no. 11776, is formally **REPRIMANDED**.
3. **WILLIAM C. BRADFORD, JR., M.D.** shall comply with all of the following terms and conditions:

Specific Terms:

- a. Defendant shall not prescribe any controlled dangerous substances ("CDS").
- b. Defendant shall limit his practice to medical chart reviews and other general medicine activities not involving direct patient contact, and to review and interpretation of radiologic imaging studies, including tele-radiology.
- c. Defendant shall not conduct any interventional procedures.
- d. All of Defendant's prospective employment and any work place setting shall be approved of in advance by the Board Secretary during any period that he is working in Oklahoma, which includes locum tenens and tele-medicine. If Defendant desires to change his employment, the proposed working environment must be approved of in advance by the Board Secretary.
- e. Defendant shall attend a Professionalism Program, approved of in advance by the Board Secretary, and documentation of completion must be provided to the Board Secretary and Compliance Coordinator.
 - i. This Specific Term was satisfied in September 2019.

Standard Terms:

- f. Defendant shall conduct his practice in compliance with the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act ("Act") as interpreted by the Board. Any question of interpretation regarding the Act or this Order shall be submitted in writing to the Board, and no action based on the subject of the

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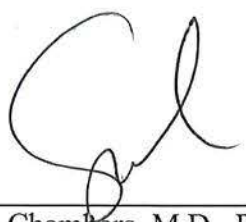
question will be taken by Defendant until clarification of interpretation is received by Defendant from the Board or its authorized designee. 59 O.S. § 480, *et seq.*

- g. Defendant shall furnish a file-stamped copy of this Order stipulating terms imposed by the Board, to each and every state in which he holds licensure or applies for licensure and to all hospitals, clinics or other facilities in which he holds or anticipates holding any form of staff privileges or employment.
 - h. Defendant will keep the Board informed of his current address.
 - i. Until such time as all indebtedness to the Board has been satisfied, Defendant will reaffirm said indebtedness in any bankruptcy proceeding.
 - j. Defendant shall not prescribe, administer or dispense any prescription medications for personal use or for that of any family members, friends, employees or associates.
 - k. Upon request, Defendant shall make himself available for one or more personal appearances before the Board or its authorized designee.
 - l. Failure to meet any of the terms of this Order will constitute cause for the Board to initiate additional proceedings to suspend, revoke or modify Defendant's license after due notice and hearing.
 - m. The Parties, the Board or its designee, or the Defendant may file a motion for a Board hearing and possible new Board order.
4. Promptly upon receipt of an invoice, Defendant shall pay all costs of this action authorized by law, including without limitation, legal fees, investigation costs, staff time, salary and travel expenses, witness fees and attorney's fees.
5. A copy of this Order shall be provided to Defendant as soon as it is processed.

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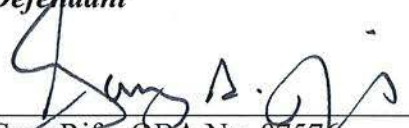
Dated this 5th / 4th / 2020 day of March, 2020.




Susan Chambers, M.D., President
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL
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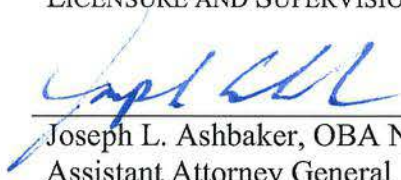
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Certificate of Service

This is to certify that on the 9th day of March, 2020, a true and correct copy of this Order was transmitted as indicated, postage prepaid, to the following:

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