

AGENDA

STATE OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Monday, January 9, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
410 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

CALL TO ORDER

I. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

- A. Laura Ginther Braun, Psy.D. – Petition No. 2020-1227
Presentation of Consent Order – Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH

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CONSENT ORDER COVER SHEET

In re: Laura Ginther Braun, Psy.D.

Petition No. 2020-1227

1. Laura Ginther Braun, Psy.D, of Wilmington, North Carolina (hereinafter "respondent") was issued license number 001678 to practice psychology in 1991. She graduated from the University of Hartford with a Psy.D.
2. Past discipline: none
4. The Department alleges that Respondent assessed Patient #1 at various time between October 20, 2015 and December 15, 2015. Respondent's assessment of Patient #1 failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. She failed to base her assessment upon established scientific and professional knowledge of the discipline;
 - b. She failed to base her opinions on sufficient assessment techniques to substantiate her findings;
 - c. She failed to clarify the impact of limited results on the reliability and validity of her opinions;
 - d. She failed to appropriately limit the nature and extent of her conclusions and recommendations; and/or
 - e. She failed to address the limitations of the employed psychological assessment instrument in answering referral questions.
5. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-192 including but not limited to acting negligently, incompetently or wrongly in the conduct of the profession.
6. The proposed Consent Order provides for a reprimand and \$2,000 civil penalty.
7. The Department and respondent respectfully request that the Board accept the proposed Consent Order to resolve this petition.

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH**

In re: Laura Ginther Braun, Psy.D.

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CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Laura Ginther Braun, Psy.D. of Wilmington, North Carolina (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 001678 to practice psychology by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 383 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. Respondent assessed Patient #1 at various time between October 20, 2015 and December 15, 2015. Respondent's assessment of Patient #1 failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. She failed to base her assessment upon established scientific and professional knowledge of the discipline;
 - b. She failed to base her opinions on sufficient assessment techniques to substantiate her findings;
 - c. She failed to clarify the impact of limited results on the reliability and validity of her opinions;
 - d. She failed to appropriately limit the nature and extent of her conclusions and recommendations; and/or
 - e. She failed to address the limitations of the employed psychological assessment instrument in answering referral questions.

2. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-192 including but not limited to acting negligently, incompetently or wrongly in the conduct of the profession.

WHEREAS, in consideration of paragraphs 1-2 above, respondent has successfully completed coursework in professional ethics and professional judgment, and provided proof of completion to the satisfaction of the Department.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing but, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Board of Examiners of Psychologists (hereinafter "the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-192 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-192 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives respondent's right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's license number 001678 to practice as a psychologist in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of two-thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check, and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.

4. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to respondent's licensure.
5. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board.
6. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order shall be deemed a public document and the above alleged violations shall be deemed true in any proceeding before the Board in which respondent's compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-192 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
7. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification as a result of any claim that the terms contained herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards and respondent waives any right to seek reconsideration or modification of this Consent Order pursuant to §4-181a of the General Statutes of Connecticut without the express consent and agreement of the Department. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the execution of this document. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

8. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
9. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted. Respondent hereby waives any claim of error that could be raised that is related to or arises during the course of the Board's discussions regarding whether to approve or reject this Consent Order and/or a Board member's participation during this process, through the Board member's review or comments, including but not limited to bias or reliance on evidence outside the administrative record if this matter proceeds to a hearing on a statement of charges resulting in a proposed decision by the Board and/or a panel of the Board and a final decision by the Board.
10. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
11. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the State's Attorney's Office where the allegation occurred or Bureau Chief of the applicable unit in the Chief State's Attorney's Office. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only, and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
12. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this consent order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof.

I, Laura Ginther Braun, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Laura Ginther Braun
Laura Ginther Braun

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of December 2022

Alyssa Mohr
Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation



The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 3rd day of January 202~~X~~, it is hereby accepted.
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Christian D. Andresen

Christian D. Andresen, MPH, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

The above Consent Order having been presented to the Board of Examiners of Psychologists on the _____ day of _____ 20__, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Board of Examiners of Psychologists