#### **AGENDA**

### STATE OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Monday, June 13, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH 410 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes from March 7, 2022.

#### II. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Tyrek J. Pratt Petition No. 2021-345

Presentation of Consent Order – Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH

#### III. OPEN FORUM

#### **ADJOURN**

**Board of Examiners of Psychologists via Microsoft Teams** 

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The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 385

Meeting Number 385 of the Board of Examiners of Psychologists was held on Monday, March 7, 2022.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Howard Oakes, Jr., PsyD - Chairman

Joy Gary, Esq. Nancy Horn, PhD Stacey Serrano, Esq.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony Campagna, PhD

ALSO PRESENT Stacy Schulman, Hearing Officer

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. via Microsoft TEAMS.

#### I. MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2022. Ms. Serrano. Campagna moved, and Dr. Horn seconded, that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

#### II. OPEN FORUM

Dr. Oakes mentioned that a public hearing regarding the psychology licensure compact (House Bill no. 5046 AN ACT ADOPTING THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT AND PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT) is scheduled for this morning before the public health committee.

#### III. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard Oakes, Jr., PsyD., Chairman Connecticut Board of Examiners of Psychologists

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

In re: Tyrek J. Pratt Petition No. 2021-345

#### CONSENT ORDER COVER SHEET

- Tyrek J. Pratt of Middletown, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has at no time been issued a license to practice psychology by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") under the General Statutes of Connecticut, Chapter 383.
- 2. The General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-187a provides that no person shall engage in the practice of psychology in this State until he is issued a license by the Department
- 3. At various times prior to and/or during approximately 2020 and/or 2021, respondent engaged in the practice of psychology, and/or made use of a title and/or words that indicated that he was actively licensed as a psychologist.
- 4. The proposed Consent Order provides for the respondent to agrees to cease and desist in the practice of psychology or in any other practice that requires licensure in the State of Connecticut without first obtaining an appropriate license.
- 5. The Department and respondent respectfully request that the Board accept the proposed Consent Order.

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

In re: Tyrek J. Pratt

Petition No. 2021-345

CEASE AND DESIST CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, the Board of Examiners of Psychologists (hereinafter "the Board") is a state agency

charged with the regulation of the practice of psychology;

WHEREAS, Tyrek J. Pratt of Middletown, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has at no time

been issued a license to practice psychology by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the

Department") under the General Statutes of Connecticut, Chapter 383;

WHEREAS, the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-187a provides that no person shall engage in

the practice of psychology in this State until he is issued a license by the Department;

WHEREAS, the Department alleges at various times prior to and/or during approximately 2020

and/or 2021, respondent engaged in the practice of psychology, and/or made use of a title and/or

words that indicated that he was actively licensed as a psychologist;

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut §19a-11 to issue an

appropriate order to any person found to be violating an applicable statute; and,

WHEREAS, respondent agrees that the above allegations shall have the same effect as if proven and

ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-9 and 19a-10.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 383 and §19a-11, respondent, hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

- 1. He waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
- 2. He agrees to cease and desist in the practice of psychology or in any other practice that requires licensure in the State of Connecticut without first obtaining an appropriate license.
- 3. This Cease and Desist Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, that said Cease and Desist Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Chapters 54 or 368a provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any other rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
- 4. This Cease and Desist 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.
- 5. This Cease and Desist Consent Order is effective after the last signature is affixed to this document.
- 6. Respondent permits a representative of the Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch of the Department to present this Cease and Desist Consent Order and the factual basis for said Cease and Desist Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that said Board has complete and final discretion as to whether or not an executed Cease and Desist Consent Order is approved or granted.
- 7. Respondent understands that he has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

- 8. This Cease and Desist Consent Order is a matter of public record and shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- 9. Respondent understands that this Cease and Desist Consent Order may be considered evidence of the above admitted violations in any subsequent proceeding in which (1) his compliance with this Cease and Desist Consent Order is at issue, or (2) his compliance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Title 20 is at issue.
- 10. 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 Cease and Desist Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative disciplinary petition only, and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
- 11. This Cease and Desist 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.

to be my free act and deed.
Tyrek J. Pratt
Subscribed and sworn to before me this
My Commission Expires July 31, 20222  Notary Public or person authorized by law to administer an oath or affirmation
The above Cease and Desist Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of
the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the day of
March 2022, it is hereby accepted.
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Christian D. Andresen, MPH, CPH Section Chief Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch
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The above Consent Order having been presented to the Board of Examiners of Psychologists on
the day of 2022, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Board of Examiners of Psychologists

I, Tyrek J. Pratt, have read the above Cease and Desist Consent Order, and I agree to the terms and

allegations set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Cease and Desist Consent Order