

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE

In the Matter of
the Medical License of
John P. Curran, M.D.
Birth Year: 1935
License Number: 17,047

**AGREEMENT FOR
CORRECTIVE ACTION**

This Agreement for Corrective Action (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between John Patrick Curran, M.D. (“Respondent”), and the Complaint Review Committee of the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice (“Committee”) pursuant to the authority of Minn. Stat. § 214.103, subd. 6(a) (2018). Respondent has been advised by Board representatives that Respondent may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Although aware of his right, Respondent has waived his right. The Board was represented by Assistant Attorney General, Kathleen Ghreichi, 1400 Bremer Tower, 445 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, (651) 296-7575. Respondent and the Committee hereby agree as follows:

FACTS

1. This Agreement is based upon the following facts:
 - a. Respondent was licensed by the Board to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota on July 16, 1965. Respondent is board certified in psychiatry.
 - b. In April 2018, the Board received a report stating that Respondent saw a patient and made politically inflammatory comments to the patient, which were unprofessional and subsequently contributed to the patient’s mental instability.

c. Based upon the report, the Board initiated an investigation into Respondent's care of the patient, which revealed Respondent violated a professional boundary in his interaction with the patient identified in the report.

2. On December 12, 2018, Respondent met with the Committee to discuss the information set forth in paragraph 1, above. Based on the discussion, the Committee views Respondent's conduct as inappropriate under Minn. Stat. § 147.091, subd. 1 (g) (unethical conduct) and (k) (conduct that departs from or fails to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice) (2018), and Respondent agrees that the conduct cited above constitutes a reasonable basis in law and fact to justify corrective action under these statutes.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

3. Respondent agrees to address the concerns referred to in paragraph 1 by taking the following corrective action:

a. Within six months of the date of the Agreement, Respondent shall read the American Medical Association Principles of Medical Ethics (2018).

b. Within six months of the date of the Agreement, Respondent shall successfully complete coursework in Professional Boundaries.

c. Upon successful completion of the above-referenced reading and coursework, Respondent shall write a paper for Committee approval, discussing what he has learned from the reading and coursework and how he has implemented the knowledge into his practice.

4. The Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the Committee and shall remain in effect until Respondent successfully completes the terms of the Agreement.

Successful completion shall be determined by the Committee. Upon Respondent's signature and the Committee's execution of the Agreement, the Committee agrees to close the complaint(s) resulting in the information referred to in paragraph 1. Respondent understands and further agrees that if, after the matter has been closed, the Committee receives additional complaints similar to the information in paragraph 1, the Committee may reopen the closed complaint(s).

5. If Respondent fails to complete the corrective action satisfactorily or if the Committee receives additional complaints similar to the allegations described in paragraph 1, the Committee may, in its discretion, reopen the investigation and proceed according to Minn. Stat. Chs. 147, 214, and 14. Failure to complete corrective action satisfactorily constitutes failure to cooperate under Minn. Stat. § 147.131 (2018). In any subsequent proceeding, the Committee may use as proof of the allegations of paragraphs 1 and 2 Respondent's Agreement herein.

6. Respondent understands that this Agreement does not constitute disciplinary action. Respondent further understands and acknowledges that this Agreement and any letter of satisfaction are classified as public data.


7. Respondent hereby acknowledges having read and understood this Agreement and having voluntarily entered into it. This Agreement contains the entire Agreement between the Committee and Respondent, there being no other Agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this Agreement.

Dated: 12/29/2018

Dated: 1-8-19



John P. Curran, M.D.
Respondent



For the Committee