

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

In the Matter of  
the Medical License of  
Steven E. Clarke, M.D.  
Year of Birth: 1949  
License Number: 27116

**STIPULATION AND ORDER  
FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Steven Elliott Clarke, M.D. ("Respondent"), and the Complaint Review Committee ("Committee") of the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice ("Board") as follows:

1. During all times herein, Respondent has been and now is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board from which he holds a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota.
2. Respondent has been advised by Board representatives that he may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Respondent knowingly waived the right to be represented by counsel. The Committee was represented by Daniel S. Schueppert, Assistant Attorney General, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, (651) 757-1205.

**FACTS**

3. For the purpose of this stipulation, the Board may consider the following facts as true:
  - a. Respondent was licensed by the Board to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota on August 6, 1982. Respondent is board certified in psychiatry.

b. In November 2019, the Board received a report stating that Respondent served a patient alcohol, and the patient removed her clothes and performed sex acts on herself during sessions while Respondent did not engage in physical contact with the patient.

c. In January 2020, the Board received a report stating that Respondent asked a patient to disrobe and lay on a couch during therapy.

d. Based on the allegations, the Board initiated an investigation into Respondent's conduct. The investigation revealed that: the allegations relate to the same patient; from 2006 through 2016 Respondent billed for approximately 1,013 sessions with the patient; Respondent did not document or bill for every session with the patient; Respondent prescribed the patient controlled substances even though the patient had a substance use disorder diagnosis; Respondent drank alcohol with the patient; and Respondent was present when the patient masturbated during psychoanalysis sessions.

e. On December 11, 2020, Respondent met with the Committee and discussed the allegations. Respondent acknowledged that it was not appropriate for him to give the patient alcohol and permitting the patient to disrobe and masturbate crossed a boundary.

## STATUTES

4. The Committee views Respondent's practices as inappropriate in such a way as to require Board action under Minn. Stat. § 147.091, subd. 1 (g) (engaged in unethical and improper conduct), (k) (engaged in conduct that failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable medical practice), (o) (improper management of medical records), (s) (inappropriate prescribing) and (t) (engaged in sexual conduct with a patient) (2020). Respondent agrees that the conduct cited above constitutes a reasonable basis in law and fact to justify the disciplinary action under these statutes.

## REMEDY

5. Upon this Stipulation and all of the files, records, and proceedings herein, and without any further notice or hearing herein, the Board may make and enter an order disciplining Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota as follows:

- a. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$6,927.50.
- b. Respondent shall **VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER** his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota.
- c. Upon Respondent's surrender of his license to practice medicine and surgery in Minnesota, the Board agrees to close its files in this matter.
- d. Should Respondent seek re-licensure in Minnesota, the Board may reopen its investigation.

6. Respondent is aware that this Stipulation and Order is public data and will be disseminated. The Board may share its investigative data with other states pursuant to a statutory process.

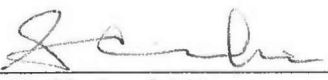
7. In the event the Board in its discretion does not approve this settlement, this Stipulation is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto except that Respondent agrees that should the Board reject this Stipulation and if this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this Stipulation or of any records relating hereto.

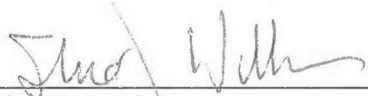
8. Respondent waives any further hearings on this matter before the Board to which Respondent may be entitled by Minnesota or United States constitutions, statutes, or rules and agrees that the order to be entered pursuant to the Stipulation shall be the final order herein.

9. Respondent hereby acknowledges that he has read and understands this Stipulation and has voluntarily entered into the Stipulation without threat or promise by the Board or any of its members, employees, or agents. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this Stipulation.

Dated: 2/11/2021

Dated: March 11, 2021

  
Steven E. Clarke, M.D.  
Respondent

  
For the Committee

**ORDER**

Upon consideration of this stipulation and all the files, records, and proceedings herein,  
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the terms of this stipulation are adopted and implemented  
by the Board this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF  
MEDICAL PRACTICE

By: 