

STATE OF OHIO
THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD
REQUEST FOR PERMANENT WITHDRAWAL
OF APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL LICENSURE
23-CRF-0111

Do not sign this agreement without reading it. An individual who permanently withdraws an application for a certificate issued by the Board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold a certificate to practice or to apply to the Board for reinstatement of the certificate or issuance of any new certificate. You are permitted to be accompanied, represented and advised by an attorney, at your own expense, before deciding to sign this voluntary agreement.

I, Ryan Sondergard, M.D., hereby request that my pending application for a certificate to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio be withdrawn.

I, Ryan Sondergard, M.D., am aware of my rights to representation by counsel, the right of being formally charged and having a formal adjudicative hearing and do hereby freely execute this document and choose to take the actions described herein. I acknowledge and agree that I am entering into this agreement of my own free will and volition and have not been coerced to do so, nor am I under duress at the time of executing this agreement. I further acknowledge that I had an opportunity to ask questions concerning the terms of this agreement and that all questions asked have been answered in a satisfactory manner. I aver that I fully understand all of the terms and provisions of this voluntary agreement. I further agree that no representations have been made by the Board, its members, employees, agents, officers and representatives regarding any of the legal ramifications of this agreement, including but not limited to the effect this agreement may have on my current or future employment, my specialty board certifications, or any licenses, past, present or future, to practice in other states or jurisdictions.

Further, I agree that I will not at any time apply for a certificate to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio, or issuance of any other certificate pursuant to the authority of the State Medical Board of Ohio, and that any such attempted reapplication shall be considered null and void and shall not be processed by the Board.


I, Ryan Sondergard, M.D., hereby release the State Medical Board of Ohio, its members, employees, agents and officers, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the within matter.

It is understood and agreed that this Request for Permanent Withdrawal of Application shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43, Ohio Revised Code. Further, this information may be reported to appropriate organizations, data banks and governmental bodies. I, Ryan Sondergard, M.D., acknowledge that my social security number will be used if this information is so reported and agree to provide my social security number to the Board for such purposes.

I stipulate and agree that I am taking the action described herein in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(10), Ohio Revised Code.


EFFECTIVE DATE

It is expressly understood that this Permanent Withdrawal of Application is subject to ratification by the Board prior to signature by the Secretary and Supervising Member and shall become effective upon the last date of signature below. Further, I specifically acknowledge that the electronic transmission of a scanned or photostatic copy of any executed signature to this Request for Permanent Withdrawal of Application, upon being received by the Board, shall be deemed to have the full legal force and effect as the original.




RYAN SONDERGARD, M.D.
03/12/2024

DATE




KIM G. ROTHERMEL, M.D.
Secretary
4-10-24

DATE




GREG WITTNER
Counsel for Respondent
3/13/24

Date



HARISH KAKARALA, M.D.
Supervising Member
4-10-24

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GRANT WILSON
Assistant Attorney General
4/5/2024

DATE



June 14, 2023

Case number: 23-CRF- 0111

Ryan Bradley Sondergard, D.O.
6142 Kingsbury Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63112-1102

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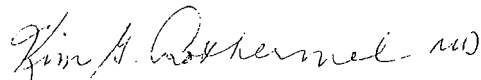
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Very truly yours,



Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.
Secretary

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CERTIFIED MAIL # 9414814903152968025502
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED



October 11, 2023

Case number: 23-CRF- 0191

Ryan Bradley Sondergard, D.O.
1881 Spindletop Lane
Washington Township, OH 45458

Dear Doctor Sondergard:

In accordance with Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby notified that the State Medical Board of Ohio [Board] intends to determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke or suspend your license or certificate, or refuse to grant or register or issue the license or certificate for which you have a pending application in accordance with Section 9.79 of the Ohio Revised Code, or refuse to renew or reinstate your license or certificate to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, or to reprimand you or place you on probation for one or more of the following reasons:

- (1) On or about August 19, 2021, you submitted an application for a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery. That application remains pending.
- (2) On or about August 9, 2023, you entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts [Missouri Settlement Agreement]. According to the Missouri Settlement Agreement you were publicly reprimanded for conduct that is or might be harmful to the mental health of a member of the public or the public in general. According to the Settlement Agreement, you admitted to placing your cell phone in the ceiling of a bathroom that you knew or had reason to know your family members would use. On or about February 3, 2019, a minor family member used that shower and noticed the cell phone. This incident "has had on-going negative impact upon the family with feelings of failure, fear, and mistrust toward the medical community and mental health professionals." A copy of the Missouri Settlement Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

The Missouri Settlement Agreement as alleged in paragraph (2) above, individually and/or collectively, constitutes "[a]ny of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(22), Ohio Revised Code.

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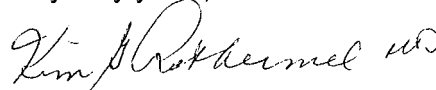
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cc: Gregory Wittner, Esq.
7733 Forsyth Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63105

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**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MISSOURI
STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR THE HEALING ARTS
AND RYAN B. SONDERGARD, DO**

COMES NOW Ryan B. Sondergard, DO, ("Licensee") and the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts ("the Board"), and enter into this agreement for the purpose of resolving the issue of whether Licensee's physician and surgeon's license is subject to discipline. Licensee and the Board jointly stipulate and agree that a final disposition of this matter may be effectuated as described below pursuant to sections 536.060 and 621.045, RSMo.¹

1. Licensee acknowledges that he understands the various rights and privileges afforded to him by law, including the right to a hearing of the charges; the right to appear and be represented by legal counsel; the right to have all charges against him proven upon the record by competent and substantial evidence; the right to cross-examine any witnesses appearing at the hearing; the right to present evidence on his own behalf; the right to a decision based upon the record concerning the charges pending against him; and the right to present evidence in mitigation of discipline at a hearing before the Board. Having been advised of these rights provided to him by operation of law, Licensee knowingly and voluntarily waives each and every one of these rights, freely enters into this agreement and agrees to abide by the terms of this document as they pertain to him.
2. Licensee acknowledges that he may, at the time this agreement is effective or within fifteen (15) days thereafter, submit this agreement to the Administrative Hearing Commission to determine whether the facts agreed to by the parties constitute grounds to discipline Licensee's license.
3. Licensee acknowledges that he has been advised of his right to consult legal counsel in this matter.
4. The parties stipulate and agree that the discipline agreed to by the Board and Licensee in the consent order in Part III is based only on the agreement set out in Parts I and II herein. Licensee understands that the Board may take further action against him based on facts or conduct not specifically mentioned in this document that is either presently known to the Board or later discovered.

¹ All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri Cumulative Supplement (2018), unless otherwise stated.

5. Licensee understands and agrees that the Board will maintain this agreement as an open record as required by Chapters 324, 334 and 610, RSMo, and it will report this agreement to the National Practitioner Data Bank ("NPDB") and the Federation of State Medical Boards ("FSMB").

I. JOINT STIPULATION OF FACTS

Based upon the foregoing, the Board and Licensee herein jointly stipulate and agree to the following:

6. The Board is an agency of the state of Missouri created and established pursuant to section 334.120, RSMo, for the purpose of executing and enforcing the provisions of Chapter 334, RSMo.
7. Licensee is licensed by the Board as a physician and surgeon, license number 2016044657, which was first issued on December 27, 2016. Licensee's license is current, and was current and active at all times relevant herein.
8. On or about January 13, 2021, the Board received a complaint which alleged that the Licensee had hidden a cell phone in the bathroom ceiling at his wife's parent's home.
9. The complainant reported that on February 3, 2019, the Licensee came to the home for a Superbowl party; that the Licensee had frequented the home often in the past and was familiar with who lived in the home, as well as their patterns for using the various bathrooms.
10. The Licensee frequently excused himself from the party to use the bathroom due to not feeling well.
11. At one point the wife's minor sister took a shower in the bathroom; while in the bathroom, the sister noticed a cellular phone in ceiling, and took a picture of the cellular phone.
12. At a later date, the Licensee was confronted about the incident; the Licensee admitted he had placed the cellular phone in the ceiling; the Licensee later wrote a handwritten letter of contrition to the family.
13. The complainant reports that the above-incident has had on-going negative impact upon the family with feelings of failure, fear, and mistrust toward the medical community and mental health professionals.
14. On August 2, 2021, the Board's investigator met with the Licensee and his attorney for an interview.

During this interview, the Licensee acknowledged he had placed his cell phone in the downstairs bathroom; the Licensee denied any specific purpose for the placement of the cellular phone or that any images or video were captured.

15. The above-incident constitutes conduct that is or might be harmful to the mental health of a member of the public or the public in general.
16. The above is cause to discipline Licensee's license pursuant to section 334.100.2(5), RSMo.

II. JOINT CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

17. Cause exists to discipline Licensee's license pursuant to section 334.100.2(5), RSMo., which states:

(5) Any conduct or practice which is or might be harmful or dangerous to the mental or physical health of a patient or the public; or incompetency, gross negligence or repeated negligence in the performance of the functions or duties of any profession licensed or regulated by this chapter. For the purposes of this subdivision, "repeated negligence" means the failure, on more than one occasion, to use that degree of skill and learning ordinarily used under the same or similar circumstances by the member of the applicant's or licensee's profession;

18. Licensee's conduct, as established by the foregoing facts, falls within the intendments of section 334.100.2(5), RSMo.
19. Cause exists for the Board to take disciplinary action against Licensee's license under section 334.100.2(5), RSMo.

III. CONSENT ORDER ON DISCIPLINE

Based on the foregoing, the parties mutually agree and stipulate that the following shall constitute the disciplinary order entered by the Board in this matter under the authority of section 621.110, RSMo. This agreement, including the disciplinary order, will be effective immediately on the date entered and finalized by the Board. The following are the terms of the disciplinary order:

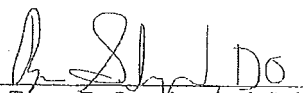
20. The physician and surgeon's license issued by the Board to Licensee, number 2016044657, is hereby PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED.
21. If Licensee is licensed in other jurisdictions, he shall forward written notice of this disciplinary action to the medical licensing authorities of those jurisdictions within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement. Licensee shall submit a copy of the written notice to the Board contemporaneously with sending it to the relevant licensing authority. If Licensee is not licensed in other jurisdictions, he shall notify the Board of that fact, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement.

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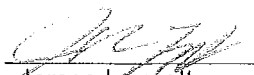
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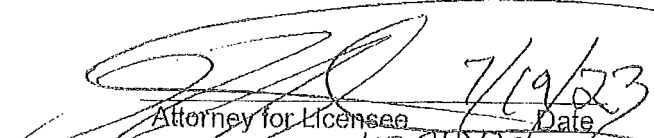
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Ryan B. Sondergard, DO Date
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James Leggett Date
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EFFECTIVE THIS 9th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.



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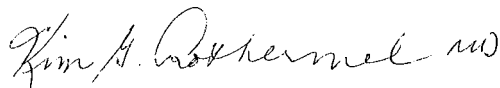
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