

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES
BUREAU OF HEALTH SYSTEM REGULATION
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

In re: William E. Shevin, M.D.

Petition No. 921229-01-142

CONSENT ORDER

William E. Shevin, M.D. of Woodstock, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 021770 to practice medicine and surgery by the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 370 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Department has concluded an investigation of respondent's ability to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety by reason of negligence, incompetence and/or by reason of emotional disorder and,

WHEREAS, respondent admits the following:

1. Respondent holds licensure as a physician and surgeon, as well as a homeopathic physician in the State of Connecticut;
2. Respondent suffers from an emotional disorder which may prevent him from practicing medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety;
3. Respondent has no formal training in the field of psychiatry or psychotherapy;
4. Respondent treated patient J.B. from approximately 1986 through 1992;

5. Respondent treated patient M.J. from approximately January 1991 to August 1992;
6. During the course of such treatment with M.J. and J.B., respondent:
 - (a) inappropriately engaged in psychotherapy with said patients; and,
 - (b) violated said patients' confidentiality.
7. The conduct set forth above constitutes violations of Connecticut General Statutes §20-13c(4).

WHEREAS, the Department also makes the following allegations against respondent which he does not admit:

- (a) Respondent discouraged said patients from seeking the services of other psychotherapists or medical professionals when needed;
- (b) Respondent inappropriately prescribed medications for said patients;
- (c) Respondent failed to diagnose said patients' illnesses and/or refer them to other treating physicians when needed; and,
- (d) Respondent violated boundaries with said patients.
- (e) The conditions and conduct set forth above constitute violations of Connecticut General Statutes §20-13c(2), (4), and/or (5).

WHEREAS, the respondent denies said allegations as follows:

- (a) He did make referrals of said patients to psychotherapists and/or medical professionals and encouraged their relationships with such

professionals as is documented repeatedly in the medical records of said patients.

- (b) His prescribing for said patients was justified and appropriate given each individual's clinical picture as can be demonstrated by an evaluation of the patients' medical and prescription records.
- (c) As documented in the patients' records, he did properly diagnose, or refer to appropriate specialists for diagnosis, the medical conditions presented to him.
- (d) He recognized that he had, on occasion, given his lack of formal training in the fields of psychiatry or psychotherapy, exceeded boundaries with said patients, and took appropriate steps thereafter to obtain appropriate guidance for the setting of proper boundaries and to observe such boundaries.
- (e) He therefore denies violating Connecticut General Statutes 20-13c(2), (4) and/or (5).

WHEREAS, respondent desires to settle this matter without the need for a formal evidentiary hearing before the Connecticut Medical Examining Board (hereinafter "the Board").

WHEREAS, respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery was summarily suspended by the Board on or about May 18, 1993.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17, and §20-13c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, William E. Shevin, M.D., hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter before the Board.
2. Respondent in consideration of this CONSENT ORDER agrees not to contest any of the allegations of the Department as set forth above at a hearing before the Board. Respondent admits no guilt or wrongdoing, however, he agrees that this CONSENT ORDER shall have the same effect as if ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §19a-9, §19a-10 and §20-13c of the Connecticut General Statutes. Respondent further agrees that all of the allegations shall be deemed true for the purposes of any future proceedings in which (1) his compliance with the terms of this CONSENT ORDER and/or (2) his compliance with Connecticut General Statutes §20-13c, is at issue. He further agrees that this CONSENT ORDER shall constitute proof of such allegations in any such future proceedings.
3. Respondent's license number 021770 to practice medicine and surgery in Connecticut is hereby reinstated by the Board and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years under the following terms and conditions:
 - A. He shall continue to engage in psychotherapy at his own expense with a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist (hereinafter "therapist") approved by the Department. Said therapist shall be Joseph Cambray, Ph.D., 94 Waterman Street, Providence, Rhode Island.
 - B. He shall provide a copy of this CONSENT ORDER to his therapist.
 - C. He shall attend a minimum of one (1) treatment session per week with his therapist.
 - D. If respondent's therapist determines that treatment is no longer therapeutically necessary, that the frequency of sessions can be reduced, or that respondent should be transferred to another therapist for treatment, he or she shall advise the Department in

