

BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE,

Complainant,

Complaint No. 2025-10

v.

ASHLEY BAINBRIDGE, D.O.,

Respondent.

**CONSENT ORDER**

The West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine ("Board") and Ashley Bainbridge, D.O. ("Dr. Bainbridge"), agree to entry of the following Consent Order pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-14-1, *et seq.*, W. Va. Code § 30-1-1 *et seq.*, and the rules of the Board.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Board and Dr. Bainbridge stipulate to the truthfulness and accuracy of the following facts:

1. Dr. Bainbridge is a licensee of the Board, possessing Board-issued license number 2543 to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery in the state of West Virginia.
2. On or about February 14, 2025, Dr. Bainbridge had a psychological episode that required in-patient hospitalization for approximately twelve (12) days and outpatient care upon her discharge.
3. Based on the psychological episode, which further led to Dr. Bainbridge's arrest on a criminal charge, the Board initiated the above-styled complaint.

4. The Board and Dr. Bainbridge voluntarily enter into this Consent Order to resolve Complaint No. 2025-10.

**STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine is a board of examination and registration created for the purpose of regulating the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia. W. Va. Code § 30-14-1, *et seq.*

2. The Board is authorized to impose sanctions when a licensee has been rendered unfit or unqualified to practice osteopathic medicine in accordance with the applicable standard of care to patients. W. Va. Code R. § 24-1-18 and W. Va. Code § 30-1-8.

3. Based on the Stipulations of Fact, the licensee has engaged in conduct which violates the provisions of W. Va. Code R. § 24-1-18.1.8 (unable to practice osteopathic medicine with reasonable skill and safety by reason of mental abnormality). Accordingly, there are legal grounds for the parties to enter into this Agreed Order.

4. Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-1-8(g), the parties may fully and finally resolve this pending matter without an evidentiary hearing by entering into an informal resolution such as this Consent Order.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RIGHTS**

I, Ashley Bainbridge, D.O., having read this document and by signing my name to it, understand and acknowledge the following:

1. This is a legally binding document that affects my rights and privileges.

2. I have the right to consult a lawyer concerning the terms of this agreement and the legal rights and remedies that may otherwise be available to me, and I have exercised that right in this case.

3. I understand that, without my consent, no permanent legal action may be taken against me except after a hearing.

4. I understand that, instead of accepting this agreement, I may demand that the Board prove the allegations in the above-styled complaint against me by presenting evidence in a hearing conducted under law. If I choose to have a hearing, I would not have the burden of proof. I could, however, present evidence on my own behalf and I would have the right to cross-examine all witnesses who might testify against me. I also understand that I have the right to subpoena witnesses and records in order to compel their production at the hearing.

5. I knowingly and voluntarily waive all such rights and agree to enter into this Consent Order.

6. I acknowledge that this agreement is a legally binding Order. I also acknowledge, that, if I violate any terms and conditions of the Order, the Board may take further action as permitted by law.

7. I understand that this is a public document and that the Board is legally obligated to allow any person to review this Consent Order. I also understand that this action and Order may be reported to other boards, to other jurisdictions, to the National Practitioner Data Bank, and to the Federation of State Medical Boards.

8. I understand that, as a result of this Consent Order, other licensing boards and authorities may take adverse action against my license as allowed by laws and regulations governing those boards and authorities.

**TERMS OF ORDER**

**WHEREFORE**, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and with the consent of Ashley Bainbridge, D.O., the West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine **ORDERS** as follows:

At all times during the effective period of the Consent Order, Dr. Bainbridge shall comply with the following probationary terms and conditions:

1. The Board will place Dr. Bainbridge's license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery on probation for a period of thirty-six months. Dr. Bainbridge may request early termination of this thirty-six (36) month period. The Board will include in its evaluation of any request for early termination of the probationary period both her compliance with the terms of this Order and the progress reports and recommendations of her Health Care Providers ("Providers"). Nevertheless, early termination of the term of probation will solely be in the discretion of the Board.
2. During the thirty-six month probationary period, Dr. Bainbridge will only practice under the supervision of another Board-approved licensed physician for such purpose.
3. Prior to the entry of this Consent Order, the licensed physician will submit a plan in writing that outlines how the physician proposes to monitor Dr. Bainbridge's practice of medicine that must be approved by the Board.

4. Dr. Bainbridge will continue to be treated by Board-approved Providers who are more fully identified in a confidential addendum that will be retained by the Board under seal (Identified as "Confidential Addendum to Consent Order").
5. Within ten days of the entry of this Consent Order, Dr. Bainbridge shall submit a written request to the Board for approval of her Providers indicating that each Provider has read this Consent Order and is willing and able to fulfill the responsibilities of the Board-approved Providers as set forth in this Consent Order. In order to be eligible to serve as a Board-approved Provider, the Provider must be licensed to practice his or her profession in the state of West Virginia. Approval or rejection of Dr. Bainbridge's proposed Providers shall be communicated to Dr. Bainbridge and the Providers in writing.
6. Beginning thirty days after entry of this Consent Order, and on a quarterly basis thereafter for the length of time that Dr. Bainbridge shall remain on Probation, Dr. Bainbridge's Providers shall each provide the Board with written reports regarding Dr. Bainbridge's status and her progress.
7. If at any time the Board-approved Provider determines that Dr. Bainbridge is not compliant with her treatment plan or her continuation in practice constitutes a threat to the public or that Dr. Bainbridge cannot practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety, the Provider shall immediately notify the Board within twenty-four (24) hours and will then submit a letter to the Board within forty-eight (48) hours documenting the basis of non-compliance or the facts supporting that determination.
8. If at any time any Board-approved Provider is unwilling or unable to continue to serve in that capacity, Dr. Bainbridge shall have thirty (30) working days from the date of the Provider's

termination of service to submit a written request, in conformity with the protocol established in paragraph five (5) of this section, proposing the approval of a replacement Provider.

9. The Board-approved psychiatrist and individual counselor shall determine the appropriate frequency of Dr. Bainbridge's therapy sessions with them, but such appointments must not occur less frequently than every six weeks, and must occur with sufficient frequency to permit the practitioners to provide meaningful reports to the Board regarding Dr. Bainbridge's progress and mental health status as required by this Consent Order. If the Board-approved psychiatrist or individual counselor believes that the period between appointments may reasonably be longer than six weeks, then Dr. Bainbridge may notify the Board by providing a written record from the practitioner in support of the request and the basis thereon, and the Board will make a decision regarding such request.

10. Dr. Bainbridge will give her written authorization that all records related to her care, treatment and monitoring, including medical records, may be disclosed to the Board for its review, consideration, and use in any subsequent proceedings before the Board;

11. Dr. Bainbridge is financially responsible for payment of all expenses for treatment, counseling, monitoring, and the other terms and conditions of this Consent Order;

12. Dr. Bainbridge will conduct herself in a professional manner in all aspects of her work and practice and will remain free of any charges of unprofessional conduct or disciplinary action before this Board, any corresponding board in any other jurisdiction, any other state or federal agency, or before any hospital, peer review committee, or medical corporation or partnership;

13. Dr. Bainbridge will be truthful and forthright in all communications with the Board;

14. Dr. Bainbridge shall not violate or be charged with violating any criminal laws of the state of West Virginia, the United States, any municipality, or any other state, possession or territory of the United States;

15. If Dr. Bainbridge fails to comply with, or complete any of the terms stated herein, the Board may rescind or modify this Consent Order and take any other action, including revocation of Dr. Bainbridge's license, that is authorized by law;

16. The preceding terms and conditions apply, and shall remain in effect, unless modified by order of the Board; and,

17. In order to be released from the restrictions of this Consent Order, Dr. Bainbridge must apply to the Board to lift restrictions and must demonstrate that she has satisfactorily completed and complied with all of the terms of this Consent Order.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LICENSEE:**

My attorney has gone over with me and explained each of the provisions of this Consent Order to my satisfaction. I have read and understand each of the provisions of this Consent Order. I agree to abide by the terms set out herein and to be bound by them.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Ashley Bainbridge, D.O.


Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE:**

By agreement of the West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine, it is ORDERED and entered this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE:**

By:   
Andy Tanner, D.O.  
President  
West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine