

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF: KRAMEELAH BANKS, PhD, LP, SPS, NCSP**

CONSENT AGREEMENT

WITH

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

The Arkansas Psychology Board ("Board") and Dr. Krameelah Banks ("Respondent") acknowledge the existence of a controversy regarding whether Respondent has violated Ark. Code Ann. §§ 17-97-101, *et seq.* and the rules of the Board. Now the Board and Respondent willingly enter into a Consent Agreement to resolve the pending controversy. Dr. Krameelah Banks is represented by Sylvester Smith. The Board is represented by Senior Assistant Attorney General Juliane Chavis.

Whereas Respondent hereby represents and agrees:

1. Respondent, having read the proposed Consent Agreement, acknowledges that Respondent has the right to consult with counsel and now enters into this Consent Agreement on Respondent's own volition and without any reliance upon any representations by the Board or any officer, employee, agent, or other representative thereof, other than as expressly set forth herein.
2. Respondent hereby waives any further procedural steps including, without limitation, the right to a hearing and all rights to seek judicial review or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Agreement.
3. Respondent agrees that the Board will review and determine whether to approve this Consent Agreement. Furthermore, Respondent agrees that should this Consent Agreement not be approved by the Board, the presentation and consideration of this Consent Agreement by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any

of its members from further participation, consideration or resolution of the matters involved herein at any subsequent hearing.

4. Respondent understands and agrees that approval and entry of this Consent Agreement shall not preclude additional proceedings by the Board against Respondent for acts or omissions not specifically addressed herein.
5. Respondent understands and acknowledges that this Consent Agreement and the Board's records concerning this matter are public records and available to the public pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-101, et seq.
6. This agreement shall not become a valid and enforceable Agreement of this Board unless and until accepted and approved by the Board at an official meeting and executed by the Board Chair or the Chair's designee.

FINDINGS OF FACT

7. Respondent is a Licensed Psychologist in the State of Arkansas and holds License No.05-13P. She has been licensed since October 14, 2005, with two prior complaints filed against her with the Board. Complaint #23-10 was resolved with a letter of caution. Complaint #15-12 was dismissed due to lack of violations of the Board's statutes and rules.
8. On May 1, 2024, Colin Davies, Director of the Arkansas Psychology Board, filed a complaint against Dr. Kameelah Banks. This complaint was initiated based upon information Board staff received from Arkansas BlueCross BlueShield which detailed an investigation conducted into Dr. Banks's billing practices and resulted in her termination from participation in Arkansas BlueCross BlueShield's network. The investigation report concluded, "...the evidence is surmounting and supports member's complaints. Investigators feel the quality of care and potential for patient harm is reason to have Dr. Banks termed [sic] from network participation."

8. Mr. Davies provided Dr. Banks with a copy of the complaint and supporting documents from Arkansas BlueCross BlueShield on May 1, 2024, by email and by certified mail.
10. On May 6, 2024, at 3:02 p.m., Mr. Davies received a two-page email from Dr. Banks in response to the complaint. In it, she only barely referenced the billing investigation. However, she did enumerate her own struggle with psychosis and with a debilitating period of depression and anxiety.
11. On May 8, 2024, at 7:17 p.m., Mr. Davies received a one-page email from Dr. Banks in which she detailed why research into psychosis is important. The email contained links to Instagram and Internet news articles on tragedies she states have occurred due to psychosis experienced by individuals.
12. On May 17, 2024, the Board conducted an emergency *ex parte* meeting in which it entered an Emergency Order of Suspension and Notice of Hearing. The Board determined that it had received sufficient information indicating the health, welfare, and public safety required the emergency suspension of Dr. Banks's license.
13. On May 17, 2024, at 10:24 p.m., Mr. Davies received a copy of a two-page email Dr. Banks sent to her attorney, Sylvester Smith, with the memo line, "I just want to do what's right and live out God's Purpose for my Life!"
14. On May 20, 2024, at 4:59 p.m., Mr. Davies received a copy of an email Dr. Banks sent to her attorney, Sylvester Smith, to which she attached six (6) audio texts and a screen shot of two (2) concerning text messages.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board finds it has received sufficient information indicating the health, welfare, and public safety requires the continued suspension of Dr. Banks's license, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 17-87-310(a)(7) and (8) and Board Rule 11.1 as set out in the Findings of Fact above.

ORDER

The Board hereby Orders, and Dr. Krameelah Banks agrees to the following:

1. The license of Dr. Krameelah Banks shall remain suspended.
2. Dr. Krameelah Banks shall undergo a comprehensive ~~psychological~~ ^{PSYCHIATRIC} evaluation conducted by a psychiatrist approved by the Board and follow all recommendations of the psychiatrist.
3. Dr. Krameelah Banks shall provide a copy of the results of the ~~psychological~~ ^{PSYCHIATRIC} evaluation to the Board.
4. If it is the recommendation of the psychiatrist, Dr. Krameelah Banks shall be monitored by the Arkansas Medical Foundation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

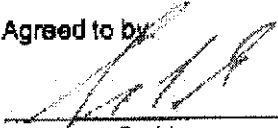

Edward Kleitsch, Chairman

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