

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE

North Dakota State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice,
Petitioner,
v.
Ronald J. Bendewald,
Respondent.

ORDER

The North Dakota State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice ("Board") is authorized pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) ch. 43-40 to license and regulate the practice of occupational therapy. The Board is authorized to suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline any license issued by the Board on the grounds set forth in N.D.C.C. § 43-40-16. Ronald J. Bendewald (Bendewald) is an occupational therapist licensed by this Board in the State of North Dakota. The Board, after investigation, determined there was a reasonable basis to believe that Bendewald violated N.D.C.C. § 43-40-16(f) and (h), and decided to initiate a disciplinary action against Bendewald's license.

In March 2014, the Board and Bendewald entered into a Settlement Agreement providing:

1. Bendewald waives his right to an administrative hearing and appeal.
2. Bendewald's license to practice occupational therapy will be suspended for sixty days from the date of execution of this Agreement while the Board conducts an investigation into the complaint brought against Bendewald.

3. Bendewald's license to practice occupational therapy will be reinstated upon fulfilling all requirements of reapplication.
4. Without an administrative hearing or appeal, the Board will determine if Bendewald meets the requirements for reinstatement.

Upon completion of the Board's investigation of the complaint brought against Bendewald, at its recent meeting, the Board determined grounds exist to support the complaint. The Board therefore decided to take further disciplinary action by revoking Bendewald's license.

IT IS ORDERED that Bendewald's license to practice occupational therapy in North Dakota is revoked.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2014.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD
OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE

By: Amy M. Walz
Amy Walz
President