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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Teanne Rose, Executive Officer
State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
421 NW 13th Street, Ste. 180
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103

February 4, 2019

Dear Executive Officer Rose:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Board of Examiners of Psychologists intends to take pursuant to a consent order in case number BC 18-9. The licensee admits to incorrectly marking a patient as “at risk” on a CLEET evaluation form, resulting in the patient being prohibited from obtaining a license for one year. The Board proposes to require the licensee to send a letter to CLEET correcting the record, complete nine hours of continuing education relating to MMPI use in law enforcement, draft a scholarly paper for Board review, undergo supervision for a period of one year, and pay costs of \$810.

The Psychologists Licensing Act empowers the Board to “suspend, place on probation, require remediation, revoke any license to practice psychology, impose an administrative fine . . . or assess reasonable costs . . . whenever . . . the psychologist has engaged in any . . . [v]iolation of the code of ethics adopted in the rules and regulations of the Board.” 59 O.S.Supp.2018, § 1370(B)(15). The Board has adopted the “Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct” and the “ASPPB Code of Conduct.” OAC 575:10-1-10(a), (b). The alleged conduct constitutes violations of several sections of each code. The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to deter future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists has adequate support for the conclusion that the proposed action advances the State’s policy to protect the public by ensuring that psychologists comply with minimum conduct requirements.

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