

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2025-44A

Brian Boggs, M.D., Board Secretary State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision 101 N.E. 51st Street Oklahoma City, OK 73105-1821 August 19, 2025

Re: Frank ("Defendant"), Case No. 23-11-6276

Dear Dr. Boggs:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision ("Board") intends to take in the above-referenced case. Defendant holds medical license number 22319 in the State of Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act ("Act") authorizes the Board to revoke or order other appropriate sanctions against the license of a physician for unprofessional conduct. 59 O.S.2021, § 503 and 513(A). The Board's action is further authorized by 59 O.S.2021, § 509.l(A)(l).

At a hearing on July 31, 2025, the Board found that on April 3, 2025, Defendant pled guilty to two felony charges in Oklahoma County District Court case number CF-2023-2233. Defendant pled guilty to second degree manslaughter and neglect by caretaker, both committed against a patient of Defendant. Defendant, while employed as the Medical Director of a rehabilitation facility failed to adequately review the dangerous and incorrect dosage of Methotrexate orders he approved. Defendant admitted that he did not verify the dosages of medications prescribed. This negligence and neglect resulted in that patient receiving an increased dosage of Methotrexate from 20 mg per week to 20 mg per day from May 12, 2020, through May 16, 2020. This was a fatal dose and that patient died as a result of complications of Methotrexate toxicity on May 26, 2020.

Based on these findings, the Board proposed to revoke Defendant's medical license number 22319 without the right to reapply, effective July 31, 2025. Defendant shall also pay all costs of this action promptly upon receipt of an invoice from the Board.

¹ Oklahoma statutes and the Board rules define "unprofessional conduct" to include: "Conviction or confession of, or plea of guilty, nolo contendere, no contest or Alford plea to a felony of any offense involving moral turpitude." 59 O.S.2021, § 509(5); OAC 435:10-7-4 (6, 15).

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision has adequate support for the conclusion that this board action advances the State's policy of protecting the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of Oklahoma.

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