

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY  
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND LICENSING  
RHODE ISLAND STATE BOARD OF LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPISTS**

**IN THE MATTER OF: SETH JOSLIN  
LICENSEE NO.: MT02405  
COMPLAINT ID #: C24-0434B**

**CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to Public Law, 2024, chapters 346 and 347 (the Massage Therapy Statute) and 216-RICR-40-05-10, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the Massage Therapy Regulations) the Rhode Island Department of Health and the Rhode Island State Board of Licensed Massage Therapists (the "Board" and, collectively with the Rhode Island Department of Health, "RIDOH") have investigated Complaint No. C24-0434B (the "Complaint") charging Seth Joslin, MT02405 ("Respondent") with violations of the Massage Therapy Statute and the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork Standards of Practice (NCBTMB, 2017), incorporated by reference in the Massage Therapy Regulations.

After review and consideration by RIDOH and the Board with respect to the allegations of unprofessional conduct of Respondent, the following are and shall constitute

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. That Respondent is a Massage Therapist licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That at all times relevant hereto, Respondent was the practice manager of Bellevue Massage and Bodyworks in Newport, Rhode Island.
3. That on or about April 25, 2024, RIDOH received notice that, during practicing massage therapy on or about April 18, 2024, Patrick McGirr, a massage therapist practicing at the Bellevue Massage and Bodyworks facility, allegedly groped the breasts and tweaked the nipples of Patient A.
4. On April 19, 2024, Patient A called Respondent to report the incident from the previous day. After Patient A recounted the details of the assault to Respondent, Respondent discouraged her from reporting the incident to any third parties or authorities, by citing the negative impact it would have on Mr. McGirr's personal relationships and upon Respondent's business.

5. That the conduct described in paragraph three (4) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Standard II (d) of the NCBTMB Standards of Practice (2017), incorporated by reference in the Massage Therapy Regulations.
6. That the Respondent's Massage Therapist license was Summarily Suspended on May 31, 2024 and remains so at this time.
7. That Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of RIDOH and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of RIDOH.
8. That Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands this Consent Order shall become binding once signed by Respondent and RIDOH.
9. That Respondent understands the purpose of this Consent Order is solely to resolve the Complaint.
10. That Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a. The right to have an administrative hearing on this matter;
  - b. The right to represent oneself or be represented by an attorney of Respondent's own choosing at said hearing;
  - c. The right to present testimony, evidence and witnesses on Respondent's behalf;
  - d. The right to cross-examine witnesses presented by RIDOH or the Board;
  - e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
  - f. The right to take an appeal from the terms of this Consent Order; and
  - g. Any objection that this Consent Order will (i) be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, (ii) become a permanent part of Respondent's record maintained by RIDOH and a part of the public record of this proceeding, or (iii) be posted on RIDOH's public website.

**ACCORDINGLY AND BASED ON THE FOREGOING**

RIDOH and Respondent hereby agree to the following disposition of this Complaint:

11. Respondent is hereby issued the sanction of a Suspension starting the day this Consent Order is last executed (the "Effective Date").
12. Commencing with the Effective Date of Respondent's Massage Therapist license will be subject to the balance of six months suspension, starting with the date the licensee was summarily suspended (May 31, 2024).
13. Respondent must complete a course in the mandated reporting requirement related to Standard II (d) of the NCBTMB Standards of Practice, as approved by RIDOH.
14. Respondent must complete a course in trauma-informed response, as approved by RIDOH.

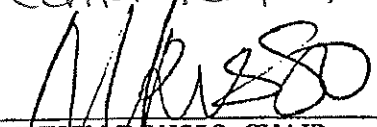
15. Respondent must provide proof of a business procedure put in place to counsel Massage Therapist employees regarding appropriate boundaries with clients, as approved by RIDOH.
16. When Respondent completes the period of Suspension and complies with the conditions of this Consent Order, Respondent may apply to RIDOH for reinstatement of a license to practice as a Massage Therapist.
17. Respondent acknowledges that:
- a. This Consent Order is an agreement between RIDOH and Respondent; and
  - b. Any violation of, or failure to adhere to, the terms of this Consent Order shall constitute unprofessional conduct and subject Respondent to further disciplinary action at the discretion of RIDOH, including but not limited to Revocation.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SETH JOSLIN  
LICENSEE NO.: MT02405

Date Signed:  
Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 2024

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SADIE DECOURCY, ACTING CHIEF  
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND LICENSING] 8-22-24

Jennifer Barry  
Assistant Director  
Center for Professional Boards and Licensing

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
MICHELLE RUSSO, CHAIR,  
RHODE ISLAND STATE BOARD OF LICENSE  
MASSAGE THERAPY

Date Signed:  
8/19/2024