

**SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee
(the Committee)**
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**Dr. Bose Enoma Ibude (CPSO #108484)
(the Respondent)**

INTRODUCTION

The Respondent became the Complainant's family physician in October 2017. In September 2019, the Respondent issued a Form 1 (Application by Physician for Psychiatric Assessment) under the *Mental Health Act* (MHA) regarding the Complainant.

The Complainant contacted the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (the College) to express concerns about the Respondent's care and conduct.

COMPLAINANT'S CONCERNS

The Complainant is concerned that:

- **On September 19, 2019, the Respondent issued a Form 1 regarding the Complainant based solely on information provided by the Complainant's ex-husband and without assessing the Complainant**
- **In April 2019, the Respondent was dismissive when the Complainant disclosed concerns regarding domestic abuse and advised the Complainant, "It can't be that bad."**

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

A Mental Health Panel of the Committee considered this matter at its meeting of February 11, 2020. The Committee required the Respondent to attend at the College to be cautioned in person with respect to the proper use of a Form 1. The Committee also required the Respondent to provide the Committee with a written report, approximately 2-4 pages in length, with respect to the requirements for properly completing the Form 1 and her review of the MHA and the College's *Confidentiality of Personal Health Information* policy.

COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS

Concern that the Respondent issued a Form 1 regarding the Complainant based solely on information provided by the Complainant's ex-husband and without assessing the Complainant

The Form 1 reminds physicians at that outset that they must have seen the patient within the previous seven days. By completing the Form, the named physician confirms that he or she has personally examined the patient within this time period.

The Respondent acknowledged that she had not assessed the Complainant within seven days of completing the Form 1, as required. She stated that she panicked and felt the need to act on the Complainant's then-husband's account of his wife's behaviour. The Respondent expressed regret for the incident and indicated she issued the Form 1 out of concern for the safety of the Complainant and her children.

In the Committee's view, it was entirely inappropriate for the Respondent to complete the Form 1 in this case. The Respondent filled out the Form 1 solely on the basis of information the Complainant's husband had provided. It appeared to the Committee that the Respondent may have allowed herself to be manipulated by the Complainant's husband.

Equally concerning to the Committee was the fact that the Respondent provided false information on the Form 1. By signing the Form, the Respondent confirmed that she had personally examined the Complainant within the past seven days when in fact she had not seen the Complainant for several weeks. Ignorance of the significance of a Form 1 is different from signing one's name to what is obviously untrue.

Furthermore, the Respondent completed the Form 1 incorrectly. She filled in both Box A and Box B, which was not applicable to the Complainant.

The Committee took no further action on the concern respecting the Respondent's being dismissive of the Complainant's concerns regarding domestic abuse.

In light of the Committee's concerns about the Respondent's lack of knowledge about proper use of the Form 1 under the MHA, the Committee required the Respondent to attend for a caution and provide the written report described above.