

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES**

In re: Betty Morton, S.S.P.A.

Petition No. 950307-018-001

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Betty Morton, S.P. of Guilford, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 001493 to practice as a speech pathologist by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 399 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. Between 1994 and 1996, respondent, individually and as president of Morton Speech-Language Clinic, failed to monitor the performance of licensed speech pathologists working under her to ensure that such speech pathologists provided adequate supervision of assistants who participated in implementing speech pathology treatment plans.
2. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-414(a)(6).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest this matter and agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Department, this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-414 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-414 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives her right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's license number 001493 to practice as a speech pathologist in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check, and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
4. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to her licensure.
5. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
6. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Department.
7. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall be deemed a public document, and the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Department in which her compliance with §20-414 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
8. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

I, Betty Morton, S.P., have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.


Betty Morton, S.P.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April, 1998.


Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation
Commissioner of Superior Court

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 14th day of April, 1998, it is hereby accepted.


Cynthia Denne, Director
Division of Health Systems Regulation