

## A MESSAGE FROM DR. ROBERT BOYER

Thank you for your interest in Dr. Hughes. Dr. Hughes ceased practice in January 2019 and entered a June 24, 2020 stipulation with the Colorado Medical Board related to boundary violations, including inappropriate relationships and comments of a sexual nature. He was absolutely in the wrong and acknowledged his actions were wrong. As a physician, I see many people who have struggled with health issues that impact their behaviors. My goal is to help people and certainly not discard those who have made mistakes, who have admitted mistakes and have taken steps to recover. Dr. Hughes has done just that. The Colorado Medical Board has approved him to practice medicine with male patients.

You might expect that there is a stigma associated with this issue. Should I give a good physician who conducted themselves in this manner a second chance? I did a lot of soul-searching and wondered what the right decision was for me. I had months of in-depth conversations with Dr. Hughes and countless conversations with medical professionals across the Grand Valley. Every medical professional I spoke with, to a person, said Dr. Hughes is a very good physician. What was most important to me was what my wife, my mother, and the incredibly strong, professional, and opinionated female physicians and providers I practice with would think. Each of them shared with me that they do believe people deserve second chances, people do deserve a shot at redemption. We do not condone Dr. Hughes' past actions, but we have chosen to support him in his choice, without exception, to return to medical practice and respect everyone regardless of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, or religion.

We look forward to supporting a great physician in his desire to help others and practice good medicine. Dr. Hughes will be accepting male patients only. Please come meet Dr. Hughes and draw your own conclusions.