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More violations against former South Bend abortion provider Dr. Ulrich "George" Klopfer are alleged in an amended complaint filed by the Indiana attorney general's office with the Indiana Board of Health.

The attorney general alleges "more extensive violations" in regard to Indiana's 18-hour consent window, as well as new allegations that Klopfer did not have properly qualified staff present during patient sedation, according to a news release.

Klopfer is set to go before the state board March 24 for a hearing on the status of his medical license.

Prior allegations, still listed in the complaint letter, include errors on state-mandated terminated pregnancy reports, late submissions on several reports of abortions provided to girls aged 13 or younger, and unqualified staff members providing pre-abortion information and counseling to patients.

Klopfer has provided abortions at three clinics in Indiana, including South Bend's Women's Pavilion, as well as clinics in Fort Wayne and Gary. None of the clinics provide abortions currently.

Klopfer in the past has defended his record, claiming staff from the attorney general's office as well as the Indiana Department of Health are biased against him and other abortion providers.

"If I had an agenda," Klopfer said by phone to a Tribune reporter in February 2015, "and I went to inspect a hospital and spent two or three days there, do you think I couldn't find errors or mistakes?"

The attorney general's office isn't the only agency that has been critical of Klopfer.

Misdemeanor charges were filed and then dismissed against Klopfer in St. Joseph County after a pre-trial diversion program. Similar charges were also filed in Lake County, where Klopfer also entered into a diversion program.

Klopfer also reached a settlement with the state department of health over the clinic license for the Women's Pavilion, where he elected to stop performing abortions in November. The earliest anyone can reapply for a clinic license at that location is in early February.

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