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BEFORE THE
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of

Gwendolyn L. Willmon, D.C.,

Case # 2002-5009

FINAL STIPULATED ORDER

The Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereafter "Board") is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining chiropractic physicians in the State of Oregon. Gwendolyn L. Willmon, D.C. (hereafter "Licensee"), is currently licensed by the Board to practice as a chiropractic physician in Oregon and is subject to the jurisdiction of the OBCE.

1.

The Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners received a telephone call from a medical doctor regarding substance abuse by Licensee in the summer of 2001. On October 25, 2001, Licensee spoke to the Board investigator. During that conversation Licensee admitted that she was addicted to painkillers due to a prior motor vehicle injury and other physical injury from the past. She admitted to having a substance abuse problem. She admitted she had received several prescriptions from numerous medical doctors for pain relief medication that was addicting. Licensee was using several pharmacies to fill the prescriptions.

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2.

On January 17, 2002, Licensee signed a consent order where she agreed to submit to random urine and/or blood specimen, not be in possession of any narcotics that are not prescribed for a medical purpose, demonstrate participation in a treatment program for substance abuse and provide documentation. In that consent order, Licensee agreed that if any terms were violated that failure may be used as a basis for discipline.

3.

Licensee has failed to comply with the signed consent order in that she has failed to submit to the random urine sampling by RSS and failed to comply from June through October 2002. Numerous attempts by this Board to contact Licensee to comply with the consent order have not been successful. Licensee also failed to demonstrate participation in a treatment program for substance abuse for a minimum of one time per month for a period of not less than one year. She also failed to provide appropriate documentation of that treatment as the consent order required.

4.

On November 18, 2002, the Board was also notified by the Deschutes County Sheriff's Department that on or about September 5, 2002, Licensee was cited for attempting to fill an altered and/or fraudulent prescription for Lortab at LaPine Drug in Bend, Oregon. The Board received information that Licensee plead guilty to the charge of falsification of a prescription for medication and was given 120 days to enter an evaluation or treatment facility.

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1 Licensee is currently licensed and her non-compliance with the consent order and recent
2 prescription issues impacts her ability to safely conduct her chiropractic practice for the benefit and
3 safety of her patients. The Board and Licensee wish to resolve this matter with this final stipulated
4 order.

5 Findings of Fact

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7 Licensee admits that she has need for treatment and has plead guilty to the offense of
8 falsifying a prescription. The above-described conduct of Licensee violates ORS 684.100(1)(f) and
9 (g)(A) and OAR 811-035-0015(9) and (13).

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11 Stipulated Final Order

12 7.

13 Therefore, pursuant to ORS 183.415(5) and ORS 684.100(9)(e) the OBCE orders:

- 14 1) The parties have agreed to enter this stipulated final order. As part of this order,
15 Licensee agrees to provide authorization for medical and treatment records to the Board
16 and will execute any requested release of information. Licensee agrees that she is aware
17 of her right to a hearing with an attorney present to contest the charges and hereby
18 waives that right and agrees to entry of this order. The parties wish to settle and resolve
19 the above matter without further proceedings.
- 20 2) Licensee will continue her program and evaluation which includes participation in
21 BestCare treatment or equivalent program in Jackson County, random urinalysis,
22 attending AA and NA meetings and attending and completing an alcohol and drug
23 education class and attend all requested counseling with her case manager. Licensee
24 agrees to complete this treatment plan for the addictions as recommended. Licensee
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1 agrees that she will allow all reports to be provided to OBCE as to the observed status of
2 Licensee's ongoing recovery.

3 3) Provided Licensee abides fully by the terms of this order, she may maintain an active
4 practice in chiropractic.

5 4) Licensee will provide and agrees to undergo urine drug screens with a comprehensive
6 panel of drugs specifically tested for health professionals at Licensee's expense.

7 Licensee shall also submit to a random urine and/or blood specimen request at any
8 reasonable time to any authorized representative of the Board for the purpose of
9 laboratory testing to see if substance abuse has occurred. These tests will be required
10 for a seven year period.

11 5) Any use of medications by Licensee must be recommended by her personal physician
12 with the direct knowledge and cooperation of her treatment facility and the OBCE.

13 6) Licensee shall participate, cooperate and successfully complete all phases of the Best
14 Care Treatment plan recommended by the counselor. The treatment cost shall be the
15 responsibility of the Licensee.

16 7) Licensee shall instruct the professionals that she is employed with of this order and
17 instruct them to promptly respond to the OBCE concerning Licensee's compliance with
18 the stipulated order. The professionals shall promptly report to the OBCE any serious
19 failure to fully participate by the Licensee.

20 8) Licensee agrees that if any of the terms of this stipulated order are violated, or Licensee
21 fails to cooperate with the implementation of the stipulation, that failure may be used as
22 a basis for discipline of the Licensee and/or a basis of revocation after a contested case
23 hearing is provided.

24 9) This order is effective on the date signed by the Board.
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IT IS SO ORDERED,

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
State of Missouri

By: Original signatures on file
at the OBCE office.

Date: 1-24-03

By: Original signatures on file
at the OBCE office.

Gwendolyn L. Willmon, D.C

Date: 1-24-03

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