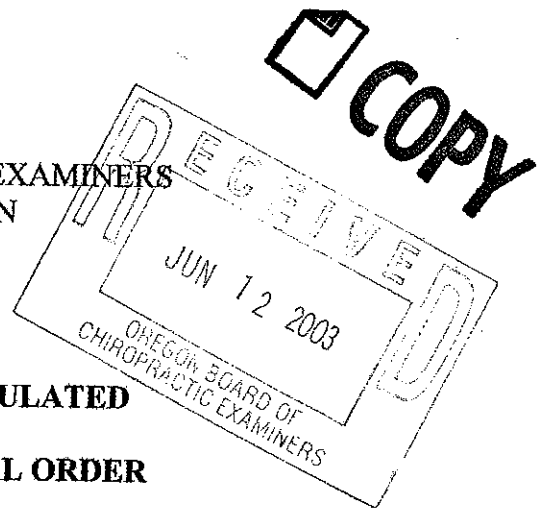


BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS  
STATE OF OREGON



In the Matter of )  
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Abel Harrington, D.C. )  
License No: 3345 )  
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Licensee. )

**STIPULATED**  
**FINAL ORDER**  
**Case # 2002-1042**

The Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereafter "Board" or "OBCE") is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining chiropractic physicians and certified chiropractic assistants in the State of Oregon. Abel Harrington, D.C. (hereafter "Licensee"), is a licensed chiropractic physician in Oregon. The Board proposes to agree to the following:

Finding of Facts

1.

From September through November, 2002, Complainant A began treatments with Licensee. A patient-chiropractic relationship began and patient A had several treatments on a regular schedule. During the same time period that A was a patient, during November 2002, Licensee and Patient A initiated a sexual relationship that included sexual intercourse. When the sexual relationship began, Licensee did not mention that Patient A should obtain another chiropractic physician, nor mention any problem with the dual nature of their relationship. Licensee did not refer Patient A to another chiropractor.

2.

In an interview with the board investigator, Licensee indicated that he had had sex with Patient A in November 2002.

Conclusions of Law

3.

The Board specifically finds that Licensee's conduct as described herein constitutes unprofessional conduct. Licensee's practice, as described above, constitutes violations of ORS 684.100 (1)(g)(A); and OAR 811-035-0015 and (1)(a)(b)(c).

## Stipulations

4.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board and the Licensee stipulate and agree that this disciplinary action may be concluded by entry of this Stipulated Final Order upon the following terms:

1. Pursuant to ORS 183.415(5) the Board and Licensee agree to informally dispose of and settle this matter.
2. Licensee stipulates that he has been advised of his right to request a hearing in this matter pursuant to ORS 183.415(2)(a), and to be represented at hearing pursuant to ORS 183.415(3).
3. Licensee waives his right to a hearing in this matter.
4. Licensee admits that he engaged in intimate sexual contact with a patient in violation of the above mentioned laws.
5. Licensee is on probation for two years, which commences from the date Licensee returns to active practice in the state of Oregon. While Licensee is not in the state of Oregon in active practice, the probation is stayed. When Licensee returns to Oregon to the practice of Chiropractic, Licensee must advise the OBCE immediately in writing.
6. Licensee will read a book by Angelica Redleaf D.C. entitled "behind closed doors" and will provide a report to the OBCE of not less than 250 words on what he learned from the Book. Licensee shall complete this within 6 months after this order is signed.
7. Licensee will pay a civil penalty directly to the Board in the amount of \$1000 which is due and payable upon signing of this order.
8. Licensee agrees that the Board may discipline him if after a contested case hearing it is shown that the provisions of this final order have been violated.
9. The Stipulated Final Order memorializes the entire agreement between Licensee and the Board and supercedes all prior offers, negotiations or settlement discussions. I have read and I fully understand all of the above facts and agree to the above terms:

IT IS SO ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_ of April 2003.

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS  
State of Oregon

Original signature on file  
at the OBCE office.

Dave McTeague  
Executive Director

Date: 4-23-2003

Original signature on file  
at the OBCE office.

Abel Harrington D.C.  
Licensee

Date: 6-9-2003