

BEFORE THE
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of)
JOHN A. PARTMANN, D.C..) Case # 2020- 1029
) STIPULATED FINAL ORDER
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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. John A. Partmann, 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.

Findings of Fact

1.

The Board received information that on or about August 21, 2020, Licensee provided chiropractic treatment and adjusted Patient 1's neck. Patient 1 reported to the Board that she felt immediate dizziness and the left side of her body went numb. Patient 1 requested Licensee to call for help and Licensee told her she would have to stay at Licensee's home/office for 3 hours. Soon after the numbness began, Licensee and his staff left the patient treatment room to prepare another room for her to remain in. Patient 1 asked repeatedly for Licensee to call for help and Licensee told her that he would not call, that she would need to wait for 3 hours. Licensee stated that she "had a demon" in her.

2.

Patient 1 has reported to the Board that Licensee held her against her will and she had to crawl to a phone to call for help herself. Patient 1 contacted a friend and her friend believed she was drunk at first because Patient 1's speech was slurred. Someone called for help eventually and

Patient 1 was rushed to the hospital and was put in the ICU unit. Patient 1 was diagnosed having a Vertebral artery dissection / basilar artery event and is currently receiving medical care.

Licensee prevented Patient 1 from getting appropriate immediate medical attention during a Vertebral artery dissection / Basilar artery event. Patient 1 was in a convalescent hospital and cannot walk and use her left arm. Patient has regained some of her speech. Prior to treatment with Licensee, Patient 1 was a healthy 33-year-old female.

When hospital staff followed up with Licensee and inquired why Licensee did not immediately contact 911: Licensee stated, "I do not do that."

3.

Licensee denies all findings of fact made by the Board.

4.

At a special board meeting on September 3, 2020, the Board found that the acts and conduct of Licensee described above constituted grounds for an emergency suspension and suspended Licensee's license to practice chiropractic until further order of the Board.

Conclusions of Law

5.

The allegations as noted above in paragraphs 1 and 2 include unprofessional conduct and gross incompetence or gross negligence in Licensee's professional duties. In addition, failure to recognize and respond appropriately during a potentially life-threatening emergency may constitute a danger to the health and safety of current or future patients. If proven, these would be violations of ORS 684.100(1)(f), (f)(A) and (B) and (1)(q), OAR 811-035-0005(1), and OAR 811-035-0015 (6).

STIPULATIONS

6.

Therefore, pursuant to ORS 183.417(3) and ORS 684.100(9)(e), the OBCE orders:

1. The parties have agreed to enter this Stipulated Final Order. Licensee agrees that he is aware of his right to a hearing with his attorney present to contest the charges and hereby waives that right and agrees to entry of this order. Licensee

agrees to waive any right to appeal. The parties wish to settle and resolve the above matter without further proceedings. Licensee denies the findings of fact of the Board.

2. Licensee agrees that in lieu of proceeding to contested case hearing he will immediately surrender his Oregon chiropractic license. Licensee agrees not to reapply in the State of Oregon. Upon signature of this order, Licensee is prohibited from practicing chiropractic in Oregon.

3. If Licensee violates any of the terms of this order, the Board may consider further discipline up to and including revocation.

4. This is a public document and reportable to all national and state databanks.

5. This order is considered a disciplinary action.

6. This order is effective on the date signed by the Board.

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
State of Oregon

DATED this 19th day of November, 2020

Original signatures are available in OBCE administrative office.

By: _____
Cassandra C. McLeod-Skinner, J.D.
Executive Director

DATED this 16 day of NOV, 2020

Original signatures are available in OBCE administrative office.

By: _____
John A. Partmann D.C.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Cassandra C. McLeod-Skinner, certify that on ~~September~~ 11/19/, 2020, I served the foregoing Stipulated Final Order upon the party hereto, by email and by mailing, certified mail, postage prepaid, a true, exact and full copy thereof to:

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