#### BEFORE THE 1 2 BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS STATE OF OREGON 3 4 5 In the Matter of 6 7 STIPULATED FINAL ORDER 8 Richard Shaw, DC 9 (Civil Penalty) 10 Respondent. 11 Case # 2019-3000, 2019-1002 12 13 The Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) is the state agency responsible for 14 licensing, regulating, and disciplining chiropractic physicians in the State of Oregon. Richard 15 Shaw, D.C. (Respondent) is not currently licensed by the Board to practice as a chiropractic 16 physician in the State of Oregon. 17 18 19 1. Findings of Fact 20 21 On December 11, 2017, Respondent applied for a chiropractic license with the Board. 22 That application was pending when he opened the clinic and began treating patients, as indicated 23 24 below. 25 26 In January 2019, the Board became aware that Respondent had opened a clinic, Oregon 27 Regenerative Stem Cell Medical Center, located in Wilsonville, Oregon, and was employing other medical health related license holders to perform various medical functions at the clinic. 28 The advertisement for the clinic indicated that patients would be receiving stem cell injections. 29 Respondent was heavily advertising to various groups offering these services in the Portland 30 area. When this occurred, Respondent did not hold an active Oregon chiropractic license. 31 32 33 Investigation revealed that the Wilsonville location had the name of an Oregon physician assistant and "Richard Shaw DC, LLC" on the door. It also advertised a website address: 34 www.northweststemcell.com on the door. A chiropractic adjusting table could be seen in the 35 office from the front door. 36 37 It was discovered that Respondent was utilizing the x-ray equipment in a neighboring 38 chiropractic clinic and had represented to that chiropractor that he (Respondent) was going to be 39 opening up a clinic to do stem cell treatment. 40 41 42

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Respondent hired medical professionals and was the owner of the clinic. For patients, the initial visit to the clinic was complementary and they would be shown a power point presentation about stem cells and then would receive x-rays, as recommended by Respondent. Respondent indicated in his presentation that the stem cell would stimulate repair of their condition with minimal side effects. Respondent would then consult with the patient and tell them they were a good candidate for stem cell injections and urge them to put a deposit down on the consultation. Most of the patients were elderly and had complicated and/or multiple medical issues. Many were signed up with Care Credit to finance their injections. Most of the treatment cases ranged from \$4,000 to \$10,000 in cost. Many of the patients were found from "Patient Pop," "Facebook," and other on line providers.

The other medical professionals described that Respondent would perform a very cursory examination, consisting of visual inspection, sometimes a gait analysis, and some palpation. Respondent would direct care of the patients to be performed by the other medical professionals and they would perform the injections. The other medical professionals also questioned what the material was that was being injected into the patients and did some limited research on that substance.

At one point, Respondent purchased and installed a C arm x-ray machine and also performed radiology in the office when the patients were examined. After Respondent hired additional staffing, a medical assistant would often take images of the patient with the x ray machine without any appropriate training or certification. The investigation did not reveal any certifications for the x-ray machines or the staff taking the x-rays.

The other medical professionals told the Board that Respondent was reluctant to keep medical records on the patients and told them that it was not necessary because the initial consult was complementary.

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The Board obtained some fragments of medical charts from patients that received treatment from Respondent.

Through information gained via subpoena, the Board obtained x-ray log information from the neighboring chiropractic physician. This revealed between 65-70 different patients who obtained x-rays from Respondent.

During the investigation, the Board received calls from patients interested in receiving refunds for their injections as the injections did not provide the result that they were expecting and did not improve their medical conditions.

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A search of the Secretary of State information shows that the Oregon Regenerative Stem Cell Medical Center was incorporated by Respondent as an LLC and lists him as the owner/organizer. When listing the type of business, the Secretary of State forms indicate "chiropractors."

The Board found that Respondent owned a clinic in Wilsonville that was offering joint injections and office visits for patients with osteoarthritis. Respondent claimed the injections were done by medical staff and denied examining or treating any patients. The Board found that Respondent took x-rays of a few patients and that Respondent did not hold a valid Oregon chiropractic license. Respondent indicated that the clinic stopped seeing patients on March 4, 2019. The clinic subsequently closed.

Respondent denies the Board's Findings of Fact, with exception of the following: on December 11, 2017 he applied for a chiropractic license with the Board; while that application was pending he opened the clinic; Respondent was the owner of the clinic; he hired medical professionals; the clinic stopped seeing patients on March 4, 2019 and subsequently closed.

## Conclusions of Law

The Board finds, and respondent denies, that Respondents conduct was in violation as follows:

At the time he owned a clinic in Oregon, Respondent was not a licensed chiropractic physician in the State of Oregon. He solicited patients for treatment and provided x-rays to them while offering stem cell injections for their medical conditions. Respondent provided the patients a power point presentation that stated that stem cell injections were a new choice of treatment of osteoarthritis. At that time, Respondent held no other health regulatory licenses or certificates in the State of Oregon. Respondent was the owner of Oregon Regenerative Stem Cell Medical Clinic and was maintaining business in Oregon to perform chiropractic techniques as described by ORS 684.010(2). This violates ORS 684.100(1)(f)(A) and (h) and OAR 811-035-0015(14). Respondent did not consider the health and welfare of the patients, in violation of OAR 811-035-0005(1).

In addition, Respondent was advertising online at <u>www.northweststemcell.com</u> that a patient could receive stem cell treatment and offering to book a consultation online. In the power point presentation provided to prospective patients, Respondent listed himself as "Richard Shaw DC." This is in violation of ORS 684.100(1)(C)(i), (n) and ORS 676.110(1)(a)-(b).

Respondent took x-rays on patients without having the appropriate training and certification required in the State of Oregon. That is a violation of ORS 684.100(1)(f)(A) and OAR 811-030-0030(1) and (2).

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13	1.	The parties have agreed to enter this stipulated final order. Respondent agrees				
14		that he is aware of his right to a hearing with his attorney present to contest				
15		the charges and hereby waives that right and agrees to entry of this order.				
16		Licensee agrees to waive any right to appeal. In lieu of proceeding to the				
17		contested case hearing, the parties wish to settle and resolve the above matter				
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28 29		against Respondent in this case.				
30	5	If Respondent violates any of the terms of this order, it may result in further				
31	٥.	discipline pursuant to ORS 684.100.				
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33	5.	This document is a public document and is reportable to the NPDB.				
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35	6.	This order is effective on the date signed by the Board and is a public record.				
36	IT	IS SO ORDERED this 19 day of February, 2020.				
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38		BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS				
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41		Original signatures are on file in OBCE administrative office.				
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43		Cassandra C. McLeod-Skinner, J.D.				
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Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners

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In his response to Board investigators, Respondent admitted that he owned a clinic in Wilsonville that was offering joint injections and office visits for patients with osteoarthritis. Respondent stated that the injections were done by medical staff and he denied examining or treating any patients. Respondent admitted to taking x-rays of a few patients. Respondent also admitted he did not hold an Oregon chiropractic license. Respondent indicated that the clinic stopped seeing patients on March 4, 2019. The clinic subsequently closed.

### 5. Violations

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# 6. Penalty

Due to the aforementioned violations, the OBCE proposes to require Respondent to pay a civil penalty in the **sum of \$10,000** to the Board. In addition, for the 75 patients who received x rays from Respondent, the Board proposes to issue a fine of \$500 each, which **totals \$37,500**, pursuant to ORS 684.100(9). Payment of the civil penalties is due within 120 days of this order becoming final.

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The Board also proposes to assess against Respondent all of the Board's costs of this disciplinary process and action, including but not limited to all legal costs from the Department of Justice, all hearing costs from the Office of Administrative hearings, all costs associated with any expert or witness, and all administrative costs specific to this proceeding, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, pursuant to ORS 684.100(9)(g), in addition to any interest accrued at the legal rate allowed and any and all costs related to collections.

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Respondent has the right, if Respondent requests, to have a formal contested case hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings to contest the matter set out above. At the hearing, Respondent may be represented by an attorney and subpoena and cross examine witnesses. That request for hearing must be made in writing to the OBCE, must be received by the OBCE within 30 days from the mailing of this notice (or if not mailed, the date of personal service), and must be accompanied by a written answer to the charges contained in this notice.

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The answer shall be made in writing to the OBCE and shall include an admission or denial of each factual matter alleged in this notice, and a short plain statement of each relevant affirmative defense Respondent may have. Except for good cause, factual matters alleged in this notice and not denied in the answer will be considered a waiver of such defense; new matters alleged in this answer (affirmative defenses) shall be presumed to be denied by the agency and evidence shall not be taken on any issue not raised in the notice and answer.

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If Respondent requests a hearing, before commencement of that hearing, Respondent will be given information on the procedures, rights of representation and other rights of the parties relating to the conduct of the hearing as required under ORS 183.413-415.

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If Respondent fails to request a hearing within 30 days, or fails to appear as scheduled at the hearing, the OBCE may issue a final order by default and impose the above sanctions against Respondent. Upon default order of the Board or failure to appear, the contents of the Board's file regarding the subject of this automatically become part of the evidentiary record of this disciplinary action upon default for the purpose of proving a prima facie case.

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NOTICE TO ACTIVE DUTY SERVICEMEMBERS:

Active duty service members have a right to stay these proceedings under the federal Service Members Civil Relief Act. For more information contact the Oregon State Bar at 800-452-8260, the Oregon Military Department at 800-452-7500 or the nearest United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Office through <a href="http://legalassistance.law.af.mil">http://legalassistance.law.af.mil</a>.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2019.

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS State of Oregon

Original signatures are on file in OBCE administrative office. By:

Cassandra C. McLeod-Skinner, J.D. **Executive Director** 

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7	Executive Director of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners of the State of Oregon, and as such, an						
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1 2 3	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE					
4	I, Cassandra C. McLeod-Skinner, certify that on August 5, 2019, I served the					
5	foregoing Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action upon Licensee, the party hereto, by email to					
6	counsel and by mailing, postage prepaid, a true, exact and full copy thereof to:					
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