

BEFORE THE
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
STATE OF OREGON

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OREGON BOARD OF
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

In the Matter of)
) STIPULATED FINAL ORDER
Robin Voorhees DC)
License No. 4004)
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Licensee.) Case # 2011-3013
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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. Robin Voorhees DC (hereafter "Licensee"), is a licensed chiropractic physician in Oregon. The Board proposes to discipline Licensee for the following reasons:

Findings of Fact

1.

In September 2010, Licensee began to socialize with Patient 1 in the community as a part of a larger group. During 2010 Licensee and Patient 1 became friends and would socialize and do other community activities together. In March 2011, Patient 1 became Licensee's patient. Patient 1 was treated for low back pain and stress. Licensee's patient records show that from March 16, 2011 through June 9, 2011, Licensee provided Patient 1 with chiropractic treatment. In May 2011, the relationship between Patient 1 and Licensee became more than a friendship and became sexual. During that same time period, Patient 1 was treated by Licensee on May 12, 16, 19, 20, 27 and June 9, 2011. Licensee did not have any discussions with Patient 1 regarding the doctor/patient relationship and appropriate boundaries, nor did she attempt to terminate the doctor/patient relationship with her and refer Patient 1 to another chiropractor. On June 14, 2011, Licensee terminated her care and referred Patient 1 to another chiropractor. Licensee is currently living with Patient 1. Licensee admits to the above and did not understand at that time her obligations in terms of appropriate boundaries with a patient.

2.

The Board acknowledges that recently they published a statement to the profession indicating increased sanctions would result for boundary and sexual misconduct violations. In this case, the Board also acknowledges mitigating factors in that this was a one time occurrence and an isolated incident lacking in evidence of patterns of behavior and that the Licensee was

remorseful and honest in her admission as to the conduct. Licensee has also reported obtaining counseling to address the issues in this regard.

Conclusions of Law

3.

The Board finds that Licensee's conduct as described herein constitutes unprofessional conduct. Licensee's conduct, and blending of the doctor/patient and personal relationship with Patient 1 as described above constitutes violations of ORS 684.100 (1)(f)(A); and OAR 811-035-0015(1)(a)-(e). The Board finds that there was a doctor/patient relationship with Patient 1 prior to sexual contact and/or any boundary violations and that the doctor/patient relationship had not been appropriately terminated prior to sexual contact or boundary violation pursuant to OAR 811-010-0005(4).

Stipulations

4.

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

1. The parties have agreed to enter this stipulated final order. Licensee agrees to the entering of this final order. Licensee agrees that she is aware of her right to a hearing with her attorney present to contest the charges and hereby waives that right and agrees to entry of this order. The signature of this order also waives any right to appeal. The parties wish to settle and resolve the above matter without further proceedings.
2. Licensee will be suspended for 60 days consecutively, to occur from December 21, 2011 to February 19, 2012. During the suspension period, Licensee is prohibited from practicing chiropractic in the State of Oregon which includes the performance of treatment on any patient by providing direct patient care during that time period.
3. Licensee is given a letter of reprimand.
4. Licensee agrees to take and pass the NBCE Ethics and Boundaries Examination within six months of this order becoming final. Licensee agrees to provide verification of compliance with this requirement to the Board within 30 days after completion.
5. Licensee agrees to provide the Board with verification of completion of six hours of continuing education on ethics and boundaries within 120 days of this order becoming final. These hours are in addition to the hours required for licensure.
6. Failure to complete this stipulated final order with the terms so stated, may result in further discipline, up to and including, revocation.

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7. The Board agrees to waive any costs on this matter.

IT IS SO STIPULATED AND AGREED TO:

DATED this 11 day of November 2011.

Original signatures on file at OBCE office

By:

Robin Voorhees, DC

DATED this 16th day of November 2011.

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
State of Oregon

Original signatures on file at OBCE office

By:

Dave McTeague, Executive Director

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