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Board Revokes Chiropractic License

The Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (OBCE) voted unanimously today to revoke the chiropractic license of Terry Womack DC, Pendleton, effective immediately, in a special telephone meeting. A Notice of Proposed Revocation was first issued December 27, 2006 after an investigation documented allegations of inappropriate touching with female patients.

Dr. Womack requested a contested case hearing before an impartial administrative law judge. The hearing was held June 12 to 19, 2006 in Pendleton. The administrative law judge found all eleven female patients to be credible in their accounts concerning Dr. Womack's behavior. He found violations of laws and administrative rules with all but one. He found Dr. Womack and his assistant to not be credible in their explanations. The judge recommended revocation and cost recovery. Dr. Womack filed exceptions to the judge's order which the Board considered at today's meeting.

"Given the patients' compelling testimony and the judge's order following extensive testimony, the Board felt it had no choice but to revoke Dr. Womack's license," said Minga Guerrero DC, OBCE Board President. "Our mission is public protection and this is what we are doing today. Our hearts go out to the patients and all others who were harmed by his behavior."

Dr. Womack may appeal this decision to the Oregon Court of Appeals. The Board's costs in this case totaled \$43,503.

The OBCE is the state agency responsible for licensing and regulation of the chiropractic profession with a primary mission of public protection. Decisions are made by a seven-member board consisting of five chiropractic physicians and two public members. Pendleton chiropractic physician and OBCE board member Michael Megehee was recused from review of these complaints and did not participate in this proceeding.

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