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Press Release

BOARD ISSUES ORDER OF EMERGENCY SUSPENSION

Shawn Marie Arbor D.C., License #3421

In a Special Board Meeting called by Board Chair Jason Young, DC, on July 8, 2016, the Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (OBCE) has issued an Order of Emergency Suspension and Notice of Rights for Shawn Marie Arbor, D.C., effective July 8, 2016.

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.

Licensee was arrested for Assault in the First Degree, on July 1, 2016 in Eugene, OR. As of the time of this press release, Licensee is still in police custody. Licensee allegedly attempted to treat a medical condition, or in the alternative, assist with the suicide of her wife, by stabbing her wife in the neck. Licensee reported to law enforcement that she was instructed in this curative method by supernatural forces.

The OBCE found that the acts and conduct described above constitute grounds for immediate license suspension and amounts to unprofessional conduct. Licensee's practice constitutes a clear and present danger to the health or safety of her patients and the public if allowed to continue before a hearing may be held. The OBCE, therefore, immediately suspends Licensee's chiropractic license pursuant to ORS 183.430(2) and ORS 684.100(3).

The OBCE has grave concerns should Licensee attempt these same "treatments" with members of the public or patients visiting her practice. Licensee's license is suspended effective July 8, 2016 and she is not permitted to practice chiropractic in the State of Oregon pending the outcome of her criminal case and any further disciplinary action.

Licensee has 90 days to request a hearing before an administrative law judge to contest the OBCE's order.

Anyone with additional information may contact George Finch, Investigator, at 503 373-1615, or Frank Prideaux DC, Healthcare Investigator at 503-373-1848.

For more information, contact Cassandra C. Skinner, Executive Director, at 503-373-1620, or by email cass.skinner@oregon.gov

The mission of the Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners is to protect and benefit the public health and safety, and promote quality in the chiropractic profession.

be cured of her blindness but would have to “pass over” or die first. The orders she doused were that she was to assist her wife with death first, then kill both of their small dogs, and take her own life.

Licensee said that her wife lay on the bed and guided Licensee’s hand holding a knife to the right side of her neck. Licensee told deputies that she was directed by the guiding spirit she had been communicating with through dousing, that she was to plunge the knife deeply and cut across two ways. Licensee said she shoved the knife in the right side of her wife’s neck and that it began bleeding profusely as her wife exclaimed that it hurt but to her hurry and help her die. Licensee then got a second knife and put that into her wife’s neck with her wife guiding her. Though bleeding heavily, Licensee said her wife wasn’t dying very quickly and she suddenly realized the seriousness of the situation and called 911.

2.

The allegations as noted above in paragraph 1 include unprofessional conduct and gross negligence. This type of conduct is contrary to the recognized standard of ethics of the profession and might constitute a danger to the health or safety of a patient or the public. If proven, these would be violations of ORS 684.100(1) (f) and (A) and (q) and, OAR 811-035-0015 (6).

3.

At a special July 8, 2016 board meeting, the Board found that the acts and conduct of Licensee described above constitutes grounds for immediate license suspension and amounts to unprofessional conduct. Licensee’s practice, as described above, constitutes a clear and present danger to the health or safety of her patients and the public if allowed to continue before a hearing may be held. The above acts are in violation of ORS 684.100(1)(f)(A) and (q) and OAR 811-035-0015(6). Therefore, the Board is authorized to and does immediately suspend Licensee’s chiropractic license pursuant to ORS 183.430(2) and ORS 684.100(3).

4.

Rationale for the suspension is as follows:

The Board has received credible law enforcement information that Licensee has gravely injured another individual and was doing so under the guise of some type of communication and treatment regime that is not accepted in the scope of practice of chiropractic. These complaints allege acts of unprofessional conduct. In addition, the Board has credible information that Licensee was arrested for this behavior and could endanger patients if she continued to practice.

In view of the nature of the alleged misconduct, the Licensee’s conduct at this time in her practice setting, there is a high probability of endangerment of patients if the Licensee is to continue to practice chiropractic prior to any completion of a hearing and/or finalization of this investigation. The Board has grave concerns that the Licensee is suffering some type of medical impairment and it is affecting her ability to safely and

competently practice chiropractic. The nature of the complaints and the current behaviors of Licensee place great risk of potential harm to individual patients and to the Licensee.

5.

Licensee's license is suspended effective July 8, 2016 and Licensee is not permitted to practice chiropractic in the State of Oregon pending the outcome of further disciplinary action.

6.

Licensee has the right, if Licensee requests, to have a formal contested case hearing pursuant to ORS 183.430(2) and OAR 137-003-0560 as soon as practicable to contest this Emergency Suspension Order. Licensee has a right to demand that a hearing be held as soon as practicable to contest the emergency suspension order. Such a request must be made in writing and must be received in the Board's office no more than 90 days after the effective date of this order. If not so received, Licensee's right to a hearing under ORS chapter 183 will be waived. If Licensee timely requests a hearing, the hearing could be consolidated with any other Board proceeding affecting this license. Licensee may elect to be represented by counsel and to respond and present evidence and argument on all issues involved. After the hearing, the Board will issue an order confirming, altering or revoking this suspension order.

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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 <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil>.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 8th day of July, 2016.

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
State of Oregon

By: _____
Cassandra C. Skinner, J.D.
Executive Director
Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners

State of Oregon)
County of Lane) Case # 2016-5007

I, Cassandra C. Skinner, being first duly sworn, state that I am the Executive Director of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners of the State of Oregon, and as such, am authorized to verify pleadings in this case: and that the foregoing Order is true to the best of my knowledge as I verily believe.

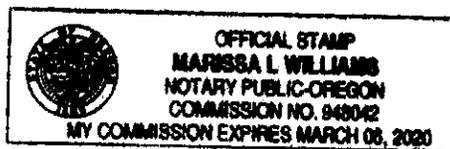
Cassandra C. Skinner, J.D.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OREGON BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me

this 8th day of July, 2016.

Notary Public
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR OREGON

My Commission Expires: March 03, 2020



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Cassandra C. Skinner, certify that on July 8, 2016, I served the foregoing Order of Emergency Suspension upon Shawn Marie Arbor, the party hereto, by posting, a true, exact and full copy thereof to:

Shawn Marie Arbor, DC
Lane County Jail
101 W. 5th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97401

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