

BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the License of:

**Ryan Wood, ND**

Licensee.

Case No. 20-01-01

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISCIPLINARY  
ACTION AND  
OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

1.

The Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating, and disciplining naturopathic physicians in the State of Oregon, pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) chapter 685 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) chapter 850. Dr. Ryan Wood N.D. (Licensee) is a licensed naturopathic physician in Oregon and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board.

2.

Pursuant to ORS 685.110(14) and OAR 850-050-0010 the Board hereby proposes to take disciplinary action against Licensee's license to practice naturopathic medicine, on the grounds described in the following paragraphs. For each violation, the Board may impose a civil penalty up to \$5,000, a term of probation, a letter of reprimand and license limitation, suspension, or revocation.

3.

Licensee has been a licensed Chiropractor in the State of Oregon since May 27, 2015. Prior to licensure in Oregon, he held a Chiropractic license in the State of Colorado. Licensee was in a preceptorship with ND1, at Center for Traditional Medicine [(CMT / Clinic or Oregon Regenerative Medicine (ORM)] from November 16, 2014, through completion on May 28, 2015. Licensee was in second preceptorship with a different practitioner through NUNM, from April 17, 2015, through June 26, 2015. Licensee became licensed by the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine on April 15, 2016.

4.

Patient was an employee at Center for Traditional Medicine (CMT or Clinic) in 2015. Patient asked ND1 for an adjustment on June 11, 2015. ND1 treated Patient on June 11, 2015. ND1 wrote in Patient's medical chart they "attempted manipulation without movement or relief."

5.

Licensee arrived at the clinic approximately / on or between 12pm-1pm on June 11. Licensee was no longer in a preceptorship at CMT and had not received permission from ND1 to come to CMT and observe that day. Licensee treated Patient in a treatment room in the clinic. ND1 did not speak with Licensee prior to the treatment or direct him to treat the Patient.

6.

On October 17, 2018, in response to former Board Investigator's questions during an investigation into the events that occurred on June 11, 2015, Licensee submitted the following statement to the Board: (in relevant part)

During an observational shift at Oregon Regenerative Medicine (ORM), ORM owner ND1 asked me to treat [Patient]. I was a Naturopathic Student that was involved with ORM as part of my training. I was also a licensed Chiropractic physician in the State of Oregon with 9 years of clinical experience at the time of the incident.

ND1 told me he had treated Patient before I had arrived and that she had been worsening as the day progressed. ND1 instructed me to treat her. I did as I was asked. Immediately following treatment, I remained with Patient long enough to ensure she was able to get up and move on her own accord. I then returned to my duties. I did follow up with Patient later that day and she told me she was continuing to worsen. ND1 and I discussed the fact that Patient was continuing to worsen. I remained at the clinic shadowing ND1 as he performed his normal work. At the end of the day, I observed ND1 as he treated Patient, giving her prolotherapy injections to her lumbar spine and then prescribing an at home traction device with PARQ and directions.

I was and had always been in a hands-off, observational role with ND1's patients at ORM. The manipulation was performed at ND1's recommendation. Due to my limited role at ORM, I did not have access to any chart notes for Patient, if any existed, and, to my detriment, I did not leave a detailed account regarding my interaction with Patient. I am unaware to what extent ND1 left an account.

I do not recall the exact date my preceptorship ended with ND1. However, I believe my required preceptorship hours had been fulfilled prior to the time of this incident. In other words, I believe I was observing ND1 and that my preceptorship in the clinic had already ended. I was there observing and preparing to take over in a full-time physician role after I graduated and had obtained board certification.

7.

A Board Investigator interviewed Licensee on November 14, 2018. Licensee said Patient contacted him earlier in the week saying her back was bothering her. Licensee said he had a scheduled observation shift with ND1 [on June 11, 2015] and ND1 asked him to treat Patient, stating: "ND1...mentioned that Patient 's low back was bothering her, and he wanted me to check her out."

8.

On December 17, 2021, Board Investigator interviewed Licensee. Licensee said he spoke with ND1 before treating Patient. Licensee said [on June 11, 2015] he had a regular schedule at the clinic to observe ND1.

9.

Licensee was not truthful when stating to the Board on October 17, 2018, November 14, 2018, and December 17, 2021 he was at CMT on June 11, 2015, for a scheduled observation shift, that he spoke with ND1 prior to treating Patient, and treated Patient at ND1s instruction. This failure to

be truthful with the Board on those three dates in violation of 850-050-0010(a)(C) and OAR 850-050-0190(3)- Failure to act in accordance with the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians Code of Ethics as adopted by the Board (AANP Code of Ethics (1) Honesty).

10.

For the violations described above; the Board proposes the following discipline:

- A. Probation – 24 Months.
- B. Civil Penalty - \$5,000
- C. Six (6) Hours Continuing Education on ethical behavior and principles, in addition to annual continuing education renewal requirements per 850-040-0210, to be completed within the first 12 months or probation.

11.

#### **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

Licensee is entitled to a hearing as provided by the Administrative Procedures Act (ORS Chapter 183). If you want a hearing, you must file a written request for hearing with the Board within 21 days from the date this notice was mailed. You must submit request for hearing to either via email [Naturopathic.Medicine@obnm.Oregon.gov](mailto:Naturopathic.Medicine@obnm.Oregon.gov) or U.S. Mail to Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine, 800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 407, Portland, OR 97232. The request for hearing must be received by the Board within 21 days from the date of mailing of this notice and must be accompanied by a written answer to the charges contained in this Notice. If a request for hearing is not received within 21 days, the right to hearing is waived.

12.

If you request a hearing, you will be notified of the time and place of the hearing. Before the hearing, you will receive information on the procedures, right of representation, and other rights of parties related to the conduct of the hearing. An administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings will preside at any hearing. ORS 183.635.

13.

An answer is required to this Notice, pursuant to OAR 850-001-0015, due to the complexity of the matters alleged above. The answer shall be made in writing to the Board 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 Licensee may have. Except for good cause, factual matters alleged in this notice and not denied in the answer shall be presumed admitted; failure to raise a particular defense in the answer will be considered a waiver of such defense; and new matters alleged in the 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.

14.

If you fail to request a hearing within 21 days, withdraw a request for a hearing, notify the Board or administrative law judge that you will not appear or fail to appear at a scheduled hearing, the Board may issue a final order by default revoking your license. If the Board issues a default order, the contents of the Board's file automatically becomes part of the evidentiary record of this disciplinary action for the purpose of proving a prima facie case.

**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 503-584-3571 or the nearest United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Office through <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil>.

DATED this 15 day of March 2022.

BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE  
State of Oregon



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Mary-Beth Baptista, Executive Director