BEFORE THE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the License of:

Case No. 21-08-25

Dr. Robert Strait, ND

CONSENT ORDER AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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. Robert Strait, ND (Licensee) is a licensed naturopathic physician in Oregon and subject to the jurisdiction of the Board.

2.

The parties wish to resolve this matter informally, without any hearing, appeal or judicial review, by entering this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order, pursuant to ORS 183.417(3) on the terms set forth below. The Board finds, the Licensee denies but stipulates to, the Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action dated January 2, 2025, and incorporated herein.

3.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Board finds, and the Licensee denies the findings of facts and conclusions of law regarding the violations referenced in the Amended Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action and

this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order. Licensee agrees that the Board may enter the Consent Order set forth below, including the following terms and conditions:

- A. Civil penalty: \$10,000. The Board will suspend \$5,000 of the fine, which will be discharged upon the successful completion of the terms of the Settlement Agreement and Consent Order. The remaining \$5,000 paid by Licensee as follows: first payment of \$2,500 due 90 days after entry of the Settlement Agreement and Consent Order, and the second \$2,500 is due 90 days thereafter, or six months after entry of the order.
- B. Probation: Two (2) years, with the following conditions:
 - a. Continued Education: Eight (8) hours of Board approved education focused on ethical prescribing practices, drug security, access, storage, and/or handling drugs for patient safety. Licensee must submit outline of continuing education courses for Board approval within 15 days of signing this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order. The required continuing education must be completed within 30 days of Board approval.
 - b. Licensee will send to a letter to all patients Licensee prescribed medication for clinic use informing them of all the prescriptions written under their name.
 Licensee will provide the Board a draft of the letter with the signed Settlement
 Agreement and Consent Order for approval and send the required notice within 30 days of Board approval.
- C. Licensee shall comply with the statutes, rules and orders of the Board.
- D. Licensee's failure to comply with any term of this order, ORS Chapter 685 or OAR Chapter 850 shall be grounds for additional discipline by the Board.
- E. Licensee enters into this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order voluntarily and without any force or duress. Licensee states that the Board and Board staff have not made

promises or representations not stated herein to induce him to sign this document and agree to issuance of the Order.

- F. Licensee acknowledges that he had the opportunity to seek the advice of legal counsel.

 Licensee further acknowledges that he understands and agrees to the terms of this Order.
- G. Licensee understands he has the right to a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act (ORS Chapter 183) and fully and finally waives any and all right to a hearing and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order.
- H. The parties acknowledge that this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order is a public document.
- I. This Settlement Agreement and Consent Order shall take effect on the date it is signed by the Board.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

Dr. Robert Strait, N.D.

2/5/2025 Date

CONSENT ORDER

The Board issues the following order:

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DATED this 10 day of February 2025 2023.

BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE - State of Oregon

Mary-Beth Baptista, JD

Executive Director