

BEFORE THE
BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the License of:
Janna Redding, N.D.,
Licensee.

Case No. N 17-03-12
Consent Order

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 or Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 685 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 850. Janna Redding, N.D. (Licensee) is a licensed naturopathic physician in Oregon, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board.

FINDINGS

1. Licensee began treating Patient A in 2015. Patient A began communicating with Licensee via Facebook in 2016. Licensee engaged in the Facebook communications because Patient A was out of the country and needed Licensee to continue to provide medication management. Subsequently, Patient A and Licensee developed a friendship and shared non-medical Facebook communications.

2. On or about December 10, 2016, Licensee and Patient A engaged in a Facebook message thread that included statements that lead Patient A to believe Licensee might harm herself. Patient A called Administrator 1, and Administrator 1 called 911. Police conducted a safety check on Licensee on or about December 10, 2016.

3. Licensee believed Patient A was the party who called the police to conduct a safety check on Licensee on December 10, 2016 and sent Patient A additional Facebook messages expressing she was upset. Patient A subsequently ended the doctor-patient relationship with Licensee.

4. Licensee admitted she was drinking alcohol while messaging Patient A on or about December 10, 2016. Licensee denied she had thoughts of or plans for self-harm. Licensee stated this was an isolated incident and acknowledged it crossed the doctor-patient boundary.

5. Licensee did not maintain appropriate or proper doctor-patient boundaries when she engaged in a personal Facebook message with Patient A while drinking alcohol in violation of ORS 685.110(14) – Engaging in any conduct or practice contrary to a recognized standard of ethics, and OAR 850-050-0010(1)(c)(C) Conduct contrary to the recognized standards of ethics.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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.

- A. The Board finds the violations based on the findings above in this Consent Order. Licensee agrees that the Board may enter the Consent Order.
- B. Licensee enters into this Settlement Agreement and the following Consent Order voluntarily and without any force or duress. Licensee acknowledges the Board and its staff have not made promises or representations not stated herein to induce her to sign this document and agrees to the issuance of the Consent Order.
- C. Licensee acknowledges she has had the opportunity to seek the advice of legal counsel and understands and agrees to the terms of the Consent Order.
- D. Licensee acknowledges her 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 understands she 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.

F. Licensee acknowledges this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order is a public document.

G. Licensee acknowledges this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order shall take effect on the date it is signed by the Board.

CONSENT ORDER

The Board issues the following order:

A. Civil penalties in the total amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), with two thousand dollars (\$2,000) suspended, and to be forgiven upon successful completion of the probation term referenced in B below. Should Licensee fail to successfully complete the conditions of the probation term described below, all \$2,000 in civil penalties shall become due and payable immediately.

B. One (1) year of probation, with the following conditions:

- a. In addition to the Board's regular continuing education requirements, during the first year of probation, Licensee shall complete 16 hours of ethics and boundary crossings continuing education approved by the Board.
- b. Licensee shall comply with the statutes, rules and order of the Board.
- c. 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.
- d. This Settlement Agreement and Consent Order is a public document.

e. This Settlement Agreement and Consent Order shall take effect on the date it is signed by the Board.

DATED this 28 day of Feb, 2018.

BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE
State of Oregon

SIGNATURE ON FILE _____

Executive Director ✓

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Janna Redding, ND

2/27/18
Date