

BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the License of:

**Vanessa Esteves, N.D.,**

Licensee.

Case No. N 17-07-49

**Consent Order**

I.

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. Vanessa Esteves, N.D. (Licensee) is a licensed naturopathic physician in Oregon, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board.

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.

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

- I. The Board and Licensee stipulate to the following:
  - A. The Board received a complaint regarding the licensee and opened an investigation (Case No. 15-03-06) on or about March 11, 2015.
  - B. The Board notified the Licensee on or about March 23, 2015, that a complaint was filed with the Board and the Board opened an investigation (Case No. 15-03-06) to determine if the Licensee violated the statutes and / or rules of the Board.

- C. All Licensees must renew their license by filling out a renewal application each calendar year.
  - D. In 2015, the 2016 renewal application stated that by signing the application the Licensee certifies they "...understand that any misrepresentation on my part or failure to fully disclose background information will be cause for disciplinary action by the Board, up to an including license revocation."
  - E. In 2015, all Licensees had to answer several questions on the 2016 renewal application to determine their fitness to practice.
  - F. In 2015, all Licensees were asked the following question on the 2016 renewal application; "Have you been investigated by a professional licensing authority or received notice that a complaint was made against you or your license with a professional licensing agency."
  - G. On December 12, 2015, Licensee submitted her 2016 renewal application. Licensee answered "NO" to the above referenced question and did not disclose that she was under investigation by the Board (Case No. 15-03-06).
  - H. The above conduct constitutes a violation of OAR 850-050-0010(1)(c)(C) – Conduct contrary to the standard of ethics and ORS 685.110(14) – Engaging in conduct or practice contrary to the recognized standard of ethics.
2. Licensee agrees the Board may enter the Consent Order set forth below, including the following terms and conditions:
- A. Licensee is hereby issued a formal Reprimand by the Board;
  - B. This Reprimand will be the only action taken by the Board at this time, but violations found as a result of this investigation may be considered an aggravating factor in any future violation.
  - 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.

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- F. 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.

- 3. 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.
- 4. Licensee acknowledges that she has had the opportunity to seek the advice of legal counsel. Licensee further acknowledges that she understands and agrees to the terms of this Order.
- 5. Licensee understands that 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.
- 6. The parties acknowledge that this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order is a public document.
- 7. This Settlement Agreement and Consent Order shall take effect on the date it is signed by the Board.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

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**Vanessa Esteves, N.D**

**Date**


**CONSENT ORDER**

The Board issues the following final order:

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4. 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.

DATED this 16 day of Jan 2018.

BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE  
State of Oregon

  
Signature on file

Mary-Beth Baptista, Executive Director