

BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the License of:

Case No. 17-08-145

Deborah Rice, ND

**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 to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) chapter 685 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) chapter 850. Deborah Rice, N.D. (Licensee) is a licensed naturopathic physician in Oregon, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board.

2.

The Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action to Licensee on October 24, 2018. Licensee and the Board desire to settle this matter by entry of this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order. Licensee understands that she has the right to a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act (chapter 183), Oregon Revised Statutes. Licensee fully and finally waives the right to a contested case hearing and any appeal therefrom by the signing of, and entry of, this Order in the Board's records.

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

The Board finds, and the Licensee stipulates that she did not document certain discussions with the patient. Those findings of facts and conclusions of law regarding those violations in the Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action are incorporated by reference into 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 for \$2,000, payable when the Order in this matter becomes final by operation of law. On or about February 26, 2019, the Board received the \$2,000 from Licensee and this condition of the Settlement Agreement has been satisfied.

B. In addition to the Board's regular continuing education requirements, Licensee shall complete 10 hours of continuing education focused on lab work, interpretation and referral, as approved by the Board. On or about February 27, 2019, Licensee provided the Board satisfactory proof of completion of the 10 hours of this continuing education, and this condition of the Settlement Agreement has been satisfied.

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. Licensee states that the Board and Board staff have not made promises or representations not stated herein to induce to sign this document and agree to issuance of the Order.

F. Licensee acknowledges that she has had the opportunity to seek legal advice of legal counsel. Licensee understands that this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order is a public document.

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

IT IS SO STIPULATED

Signature on file

Deborah Rice, ND

Dated: 3 April 2019

## CONSENT ORDER

The Board issues the following final order:


1. Licensee is assessed a civil penalty for \$2,000, which has been paid by Licensee.
2. In addition to the Board's regular continuing education requirements, Licensee shall complete 10 hours of continuing education focused on lab work, interpretation and referral, as approved by the Board. At the date of this Consent Order, Licensee had completed and satisfied this condition of the Consent Order.
3. Licensee shall comply with the statutes, rules and orders of the Board.

DATED this 11 day of April 2019.

BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

State of Oregon

Signature on file

  
Mary-Beth Baptista, Executive Director