# AGENDA

### CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

### Thursday, December 17, 2020, at 9:00 A.M.

Department of Public Health 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT

CALL TO ORDER

#### **OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

A. <u>Debra Burns, D.C. – Petition No.2019-1014</u> Consent Order – Presented by Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH

This meeting will be held by video conference at the following link:

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## **CONSENT ORDER COVER SHEET**

Debra Burns, D.C.

Petition No. 2019-1014

- 1. Debra Burns of Putnam, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") was issued license number 000728 on August 1, 1988 to practice as a chiropractor.
- 2. Respondent failed to complete seven hours of chiropractic continuing education required for the period of November 2017 through November 2019.
- 3. Respondent has no history of disciplinary actions.
- 4. The proposed Consent Order requires a reprimand. Respondent has since completed all required chiropractic continuing education for the period of November 2017 through November 2019.

### STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH

In re: Debra Burns, D.C.

Petition No.: 2019-1014

#### CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Debra Burns of Putnam, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 000728 to practice as a chiropractor by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 372 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and

WHEREAS, respondent admits that:

- 1. Respondent failed to complete seven hours of chiropractic continuing education required for the period of November 2017 through November 2019.
- 2. The above-described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-29.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest this matter and agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereinafter "the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-29 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

WHEREAS, respondent has since completed all required chiropractic continuing education for the period of November 2017 through November 2019.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-29 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

- 1. Respondent waives respondent's right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
- Respondent's license number 000728 to practice as a chiropractor in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
- Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to respondent's licensure.
- 4. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
- Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch of the Department.
- 6. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board.
- 7. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order shall be deemed a public document and the above-admitted violations shall be deemed true in any proceeding before the Board in which respondent's compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-29 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- 8. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification as a result of any claim that

the terms contained herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards and respondent waives any right to seek reconsideration or modification of this Consent Order pursuant to §4-181a of the General Statutes of Connecticut without the express consent and agreement of the Department. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the execution of this document. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

- This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement, which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
- 10. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. The Department and respondent agree that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Consent Order is approved or accepted. Respondent hereby waives any claim of error that could be raised that is related to or arises during the course of the Board's discussions regarding whether to approve or reject this Consent Order and/or a Board member's participation during this process, through the Board member's review or comments, including but not limited to bias or reliance on evidence outside the administrative record if this matter proceeds to a hearing on a statement of charges resulting in a proposed decision and/or final decision by the Board.

- Respondent has had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
- 12. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the State's Attorney's Office where the allegation occurred or Bureau Chief of the applicable unit in the Chief State's Attorney's Office. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only, and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
- 13. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject mater of this Consent Order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof.

I, Debra Burns, have read the above Consent Order, and I agree to the terms set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Debra Burns, D.C. Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 2020. MICHELLE ANN PULTZ NOTARY PUBLIC State of Connecticut My Commission Expires Notary Public or person authorized June 30, 2024 to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the \_\_\_\_28th day of \_\_October \_\_2020, it is hereby accepted.

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Christian D. Andresen, M.P.H., C.P.H., Section Chief Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

