

**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIANS**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
CLIVE BRIDGHAM, D.C.**

**Consent Order**

**Findings of Fact**

1. The Respondent is a chiropractic physician in the state of Rhode Island who has been licensed to practice in Rhode Island since 1987.
2. The Respondent was the treating chiropractic physician for a family that included the parents and two siblings. One of the siblings died which cause the remaining sibling to become depressed.
3. The Respondent became close to the remaining sibling continued to provide chiropractic care. The Respondent invited this patient to the Newport Creamery and later to his home where they engage in sexual contact. This conduct violated the provisions of RIGL 5-30-13 and 5-37-5.1(30).
4. The Respondent was Ordered to be evaluated by the Professional Renewal Center in Kansas that performs certain services for the Rhode Island Department of Health. The evaluators made certain recommendations among which was to attend certain remedial courses regarding maintaining professional boundaries.

5. The evaluators found that the Respondent had crossed professional boundaries and engaged in conduct with the patient that exceeded the scope of practice for chiropractic physicians by "counseling" a patient regarding matters in which he had no training.
6. The Respondent is ordered to complete this remedial work at the Professional Renewal Center.

**The parties agree as follows:**

- (1) The Respondent is a chiropractic physician doing business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Rhode Island.
- (2) Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to the final approval of the Board. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
  - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
  - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
  - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
  - e. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;
  - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
- (3) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent

- (4) Acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an admission by the Respondent that the Findings of Fact were made.
- (5) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record. Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
- (6) The Respondent's license to practice as a chiropractic physician in Rhode Island is placed on probation for a period of three (3) years. The Respondent must complete each and every recommendation made by the Professional Renewal Center dated March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The recommendations are incorporated by reference into this Order. The Respondent is required to sign any release required for the Board to monitor his progress. A failure to provide releases for medical or psychiatric evaluation will lead to the suspension of the license to practice chiropractic medicine.

Signed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003



Clive Bridgham, D.C.

For the Board of Chiropractic Physicians,



Alan Sowa, D.C.  
Chairman