State of Rhode Island

Rhode Island Department of Health Center for Professional Boards and Commissions Board of Chiropractic Examiners

VS.

Complaint No.: 170545

License Number.: DCP00266

Clive Bridgham, D.C.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF CHIROPRACTIC LICENSE

Clive Bridgham, D.C., DCP00266 (hereinafter the "Respondent") is licensed as a Chiropractic Physician pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-30, and holds License Number DCP00266. Respondent has notified the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereinafter "Board" and, together with the Department of Health, Center for Professional Boards and Commission, "RIDOH") that he wishes to surrender his license.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Respondent is a Chiropractic Physician licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island under License Number DCP00266.
- At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed by Barrington Chiropractic Clinic & Sports Medicine Center, 282 County Road, Barrington, Rhode Island.
- 3. In Spring 2016, Respondent began a therapeutic relationship with Patient A, a young man who was 19 at the time he began seeing Respondent. Patient A alleged that Respondent violated the professional boundaries of the chiropractic physician-patient relationship, thus failing to conform to the minimal standards of prevailing medical practice.
- 4. Respondent acknowledges that the conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein, if proven at an administrative hearing, would constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-30-13(b) and 5-30-17, and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, and would provide a basis for RIDOH to publicly sanction his license.

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

- Respondent admits to and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of RIDOH.
- 2. Respondent has read this Voluntary Surrender and understands that it is a proposal and is subject to the final approval of RIDOH. This Voluntary Surrender is not binding on Respondent until signed by RIDOH. The Voluntary Surrender becomes effective at 12:01 AM on October 14, 2017, allowing Respondent time to close his practice and arrange continuity of care for his patients in an orderly manner.
- Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to have an administrative hearing on this matter;
 - b. The right to appear personally or by counsel, or both, before RIDOH;
 - c. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing:
 - d. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - The right to have subpoenas issued by RIDOH;
 - f. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;
 - g. Any and all rights of appeal of this Voluntary Surrender;
 - h. Any objection to the fact that this Voluntary Surrender may be presented to RIDOH for consideration and review;
 - Any objection to the fact that it may be necessary for RIDOH to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Voluntary Surrender;
 - Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of any presentation of this Voluntary Surrender;
 - k. Any objection that this Voluntary Surrender will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, as well as posted on the RIDOH public website.
- This Voluntary Surrender shall become part of the public record.
- 5. Once approved by RIDOH, this Voluntary Surrender shall remain in full force and effect until further order of RIDOH.

- Respondent hereby agrees to never seek reinstatement from RIDOH of his Chiropractic Physician license and to never apply to RIDOH for another Chiropractic Physician license.
- 7. Failure to comply with the terms of this Voluntary Surrender shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.

Signed this 27 day of September , 2017

Clive Bridgham, D.C.

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Approved this 1st day of November, 2017

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