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## Press Release

### **BOARD ISSUES ORDER OF EMERGENCY SUSPENSION**

#### ***Wesley Wallis D.C., License #5038***

In a Special Board Meeting called by Board Chair Daniel Côté DC on June 11, 2015, the Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (OBCE) has issued an Order of Emergency Suspension and Notice of Rights for Wesley Wallis, D.C., effective June 11, 2015.

The OBCE is the state agency responsible for licensing and regulation of the chiropractic profession with a primary mission of public protection. Decisions are made by a seven-member board consisting of five chiropractic physicians and two public members.

Licensee was arrested for DUII, with a blood alcohol content level of .09, on December 7, 2014 in Beaverton, OR and convicted on December 9, 2014. As part of that conviction, Licensee was sentenced to attend treatment with general probation requirements, including: bench probation through 12/19/16, 80 hours of community service, \$1000 fine, suspended driver's license for one year, and to undergo an evaluation in December 2014. He was prohibited from consuming or possessing alcohol or illegal drugs during the period of probation and was required to submit to urinalysis upon request.

Licensee failed to comply with those probation requirements, testing positive for cocaine, oxycodone, and oxymorphone on 3/20/15, 3/25/15, 5/20/15, and 6/4/15, among being discharged from his treatment center due to ongoing illicit drug use. Licensee has admitted that he would test positive for cocaine use and continued to treat patients during this time. Licensee has continued to use drugs and has been arrested as follows:

1. June 4, 2015, Driving while suspended;
2. June 5, 2015, Driving while suspended (misdemeanor), eluding police while driving a vehicle (felony);
3. June 10, 2015, Violation of probation;
4. June 11, 2015, Violation of probation: failed to appear for UA on 6/9/15, in violation for positive UA on 6/4/15, arrests on June 4 and 5, 2015.

The Board has received and investigated independent, credible complaints concerning Licensee's drug and/or alcohol behavior, constituting unprofessional conduct and habitual use of controlled substances to which causes to incapacitate the person from performance of professional duties, all of which are below the standard of care. ORS 684.100(1)(e), (f), and (A) and (C) and OAR 811-035-0015(9), (13).



The OBCE found that the acts and conduct described above constitute grounds for immediate license suspension and amounts to unprofessional conduct. Licensee's practice constitutes a clear and present danger to the health or safety of his patients and the public if allowed to continue before a hearing may be held. The OBCE, therefore, immediately suspends Licensee's chiropractic license pursuant to ORS 183.430(2) and ORS 684.100(3).

The OBCE has grave concerns that Licensee is impaired and it is affecting his ability to safely and competently practice chiropractic. Licensee's license is suspended effective June 11, 2015 and he is not permitted to practice chiropractic in the State of Oregon pending the outcome of further disciplinary action.

Licensee has 90 days to request a hearing before an administrative law judge to contest the OBCE's order.

Anyone with additional information may contact George Finch, Investigator, at 503 373-1615, or Frank Prideaux DC, Healthcare Investigator at 503-373-1848.

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