AGREED FINAL ORDER

On this 20 day of August, 2015, the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners ("Board") considered the matter of the license of Amber Watson, D.C., Respondent.

This agreed order is executed pursuant to the authority of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), Texas Government Code §2001.056, which authorizes the informal disposition of contested cases. In a desire to conclude this matter without further delay and expense, the Board and Respondent agree to resolve this matter by this Agreed Final Order. The Respondent agrees to this order for the purpose of resolving this proceeding only and without admitting or denying the findings of fact and conclusions of law set out in this order.

Upon recommendation of the Enforcement Committee, the Board makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law and enters this order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Amber Watson, D.C., Respondent, is a chiropractor licensed by the Board to practice chiropractic in the State of Texas and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Board; the Chiropractic Act, Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 201; and the Board’s rules, Texas Administrative Code, Title 22, §§71.1-80.7 (now recodified as 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 71.1 through 79.11).

2. On or about December 12, 2014, Respondent was running an advertisement on the radio for services not within a chiropractor’s scope of practice (diabetes).
3. On or about December 12, 2014, during the advertisement Respondent referred to herself as a doctor and not a doctor of chiropractic.

4. On or about December 14, 2014, the facility the Respondent was advertising about was not registered with the Board and the Respondent did not notify the Board of change of facility address.

5. On April 14, 2015, the Board’s Enforcement Committee met and voted to recommend imposition of an administrative penalty of Letter of Reprimand, as authorized by the Chiropractic Act, TEX. OCC. CODE §201.551, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §75.10(c) [now recodified as Texas Administrative Code, Title 22, § 78.9(c)], for failure to timely notify the Board of a change of address, advertising out of scope, and working in a unregistered facility.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Amber Watson, D.C., Respondent, is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and is required to comply with the Chiropractic Act and the Board’s rules.

2. By failing to timely notify the Board of his change of address, advertising out of scope, and working in a unregistered facility, Respondent violated Board rule 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §73.1(a), §75.1(a)(2), and §74.2(k) [now recodified as Texas Administrative Code, Title 22, § 75.1(a), §78.1(a) and §73.2(a)(1)]:

§75.1. NOTIFICATION AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS. (a) Licensees shall maintain a current physical home and business address with the Board. Licensees shall notify the Board, in writing, of any change in address within 30 days of the change.

§78.1. GROSSLY UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT. (a) Grossly unprofessional conduct when applied to a licensee or chiropractic, facility includes, but is not limited to the following: (2) failing to use the word "chiropractor," "Doctor, D.C.,” or "Doctor of Chiropractic, D.C." in all advertising medium, including signs and letterheads.

§73.2. FACILITY REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS. (k) A licensee who practices chiropractic in a facility that the licensee knows is not registered under this chapter is subject to disciplinary action as
provided in §75.10 [now recodified as Texas Administrative Code, Title 22, § 78.9(c)] of this title (relating to Disciplinary Guidelines).

3. On a determination that a person has violated the Chiropractic Act or Board rules, the Board is authorized pursuant to §201.501 of the Chiropractic Act to revoke or suspend the person’s license or registration, place on probation a person whose license or registration has been suspended, reprimand a license holder, or impose an administrative penalty against the license holder.

NOW THEREFORE, it is the ORDER of the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners that:

2. Amber Watson, D.C., Respondent, shall:

   a. receive a Letter of Reprimand; and
   
   b. comply with all provisions of the Chiropractic Act and the Board’s rules in the future, or subject herself to further disciplinary action by the Board, including the possible revocation of her license to practice chiropractic.

3. Upon receipt by the Board and signature of the Executive Director, the Agreed Final Order shall become immediately effective.

By signing this Agreed Final Order, Respondent:

1. Agrees to its terms, acknowledges her understanding of it, and agrees that she will satisfactorily comply with the mandates of this Agreed Order or be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the Board; and

2. Waives her rights to a formal hearing and any right to judicial review of this Order.
I, Amber Watson, D.C., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREED FINAL ORDER. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREED FINAL ORDER, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, WILLINGLY, AND KNOWINGLY. I UNDERSTAND THIS AGREED FINAL ORDER CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, ORAL, WRITTEN, OR OTHERWISE. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, WILLINGLY AND KNOWINGLY.

[Signature]
Amber Watson, D.C.
License No. 12364

DATE: 4/28/15

Approved by the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners on this 20 day of August, 2015.

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