# KENTUCKY BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES January 9, 2025

A regular called meeting of the Kentucky Board Chiropractic Examiners Complaints Committee was held at the Department of Professional Licensing located at 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 and via Microsoft Teams on January 9, 2025.

# MEMBERS PRESENT

# DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

Dr. Shannon Johnson

Ashley Cotton, Administrative Specialist Senior

Dr. Rachael Kuperus

# **OTHERS**

Clayton Patrick, Public Protection Cabinet Office of Legal Services, Legal Counsel

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Kuperus made a motion to accept the November 7, 2024, Complaints Committee Minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Dr. Johnson, carried.

# COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Johnson moved to enter closed session to include Dr. Kuperus, Legal Counsel Mr. Clayton Patrick, and Administrative Specialist Senior Ms. Ashley Cotton pursuant to KRS 61.815(1) and KRS 61.810(1)(j) and (k) to deliberate on individual adjudications for ongoing complaint cases. Motion seconded by Dr. Kuperus, carried. The committee entered closed session at 12:00 p.m.

Dr. Johnson moved to leave closed session. Motion seconded by Dr. Kuperus, carried. Regular session resumed at 1:10 p.m.

Dr. Johnson moved to present the recommendations for all below matters as discussed in closed session to the Board at the January 17, 2025, meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Kuperus, carried.

- **2022KBCE00003** Recommend legal counsel draft letter to licensee requesting a response to the Agreed Order within 20 days of receipt or proceed with 13B Hearing.
- **2022KBCE00004** Recommend legal counsel draft letter to Franklin District Court requesting a copy of the Not Guilty Verdict.
- 2022KBCE00005 Recommend dismissing complaint without prejudice. Propose Agreed Order with the following terms: obtain 12 hours of board-approved Ethics and Boundaries continuing education within 6 months.
- 2023KBCE00009 Recommend legal counsel draft letter to licensee requesting a response to the
  complaint filed against him within 20 days of receipt. Failure to comply could result in emergency
  suspension.

- 2024KBCE00001 Assign to investigator.
- **2024KBCE00002** Assign to investigator.
- **C.M. Civil Case Dismissal Notice** Recommend dismissal without prejudice. Propose Agreed Order with the following terms: obtain 12 hours of board-approved Record Keeping continuing education within 6 months.
- **J.S.** Lawsuit Ongoing.
- **B.D. Practice Name** Recommend legal counsel draft letter to licensee requesting a photo of signage that clearly notates the word "Chiropractor or Chiropractic" as pursuant to KRS 312.145 (3).
- **J.P. Self-Report Claim** Recommend legal counsel draft letter to licensee requesting update. Failure to update could result in emergency suspension.
- **D.B. SOS Filing** Recommend legal counsel correspond with attorney regarding ownership.
- **J.H. 2023 Renewal** Recommend legal counsel draft letter to licensee requesting patient records and update. Failure to cooperate could result in emergency suspension.
- **R.G. 2023 Renewal** Recommend legal counsel draft letter to licensee requesting patient records and update. Failure to cooperate could result in emergency suspension.
- **D.M. Self-Report** Recommend legal counsel draft letter to licensee requesting patient records and update. Failure to cooperate could result in emergency suspension.
- **K.R. Self-Report** Recommend legal counsel draft letter to licensee requesting patient records and quarterly updates.
- E.A. Complaint Referral from Massage Therapy No action.
- **M.M. Inquiry-Complaint** Recommend legal counsel draft letter requesting KBCE's complaint form be completed by complainant so an official complaint can be initiated.

# K.M. Solutions Update:

- **ABC Complaint** Recommend legal counsel draft letter to Kentucky Attorney General's Office, North Carolina Chiropractic Board, and Arkansas Chiropractic Board.
- **J.M. NPDB Report** Recommend suspending investigation at this time. Investigative report will be added to file.

Motion amended by Dr. Johnson to include the following recommendation to the Board:

• M.B. DOI-DIFI Report – Post Hearing proceedings are ongoing.

Motion seconded by Dr. Kuperus, carried.

#### **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Dr. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Motion seconded by Dr. Kuperus, carried.

Dr. Shannon Johnson, Board Chair

Grannad Sluson, WC