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BOARD ISSUES ORDER OF EMERGENCY SUSPENSION

Michael Monteblanco, C.A., Certificate #8226

In a Special Board Meeting called by Board President Dr. Franchesca Vermillion, D.C., on February 5, 2021, the Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (OBCE) has issued an Order of Emergency Suspension and Notice of Rights for Michael Monteblanco (Certificate Holder) effective February 5, 2021.

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

The Certificate Holder was previously licensed as a Licensed Massage Therapist with the Oregon Board of Massage Therapy (OBMT) and voluntarily surrendered his license on January 22, 2021, based on OBMT's investigation that found that he had sexually abused at least three patients, two of whom were minors at that time.

The OBCE found that the acts and conduct of Certificate Holder constituted grounds for immediate suspension and amount to unprofessional conduct. His conduct 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 alleged acts are in violation of ORS 684.100(1)(f) and (A) and (C) and OAR 811-035-0015(1)(a)-(e). The OBCE is authorized to and does immediately suspend Certificate Holder's chiropractic assistant certificate, pursuant to ORS 183.430(2) and ORS 684.100(3).

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

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