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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF

ADMINISTRATIVE INJUNCTION

CARL J. HINSZ, RESPONDENT.

0003120

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 UNL 046

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Carl J. Hinsz 27100 108th Street McLaughlin, South Dakota 53708

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 8368 Madison, WI 53708-8368

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The Department has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Department adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Carl J. Hinsz, (Respondent) is not now and has never been licensed as a veterinarian in the State of Wisconsin.
- 2. On information and belief, the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) asserts that Respondent lives at 27100 108th Street, McLaughlin, South Dakota 57642.
 - 3. Wisconsin Stat. § 453.02(6), defines "practice veterinary medicine" as:

To "practice veterinary medicine" means to examine into the fact or cause of animal health, disease or physical condition, or to treat, operate, prescribe or advise for the same, or to undertake, offer, advertise, announce, or hold out in any manner to do any of said acts, for compensation, or direct or indirect, or in the expectation thereof.

- 4. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 453.05(1), no person may offer to practice, advertise to practice or practice veterinary medicine without a license. Section 453.05(2) delineates exceptions to the licensure requirement, none of which are applicable in the instant case.
- 5. The manipulation of equine spines to alleviate physical symptoms constitutes the practice of veterinary medicine.
- 6. On October 25, 2012, the State of Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine issued a Cease and Desist Order and Notice of Right to Hearing in captioned case, *In the Matter of Carl J. Hinsz, Unlicensed*. The State of Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine determined that Respondent had provided chiropractic and therapeutic services to horses in Minnesota in exchange for monetary compensation without a valid veterinary license. Respondent was ordered to cease and desist from engaging in any act or practice in Minnesota that constitutes the practice of veterinary medicine.
- 7. On or about February 15, 2013, Respondent saw an equine patient, and performed equine chiropractic services. Respondent conducted the visit at JJ Arena 1027 185th Avenue, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin 54810. Respondent was paid a cash payment of \$120 in exchange for his services.
- 8. On June 5, 2013, a Division representative placed a call to Respondent's business telephone number. An individual who identified herself as Jessica answered the telephone call and indicated that Respondent was not available. Jessica indicated that her geographic location was in North Dakota but that she was a member of Respondent's equine chiropractic staff. Jessica explained that Respondent operates his equine chiropractic practice throughout multiple states, including Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Texas, Wyoming, and Nebraska. Jessica indicated that Respondent conducts monthly trips to Tomah, Wisconsin, traveling "four (4) to four and a half (4 1/2) hours over the Wisconsin border to perform chiropractic services." Jessica further explained that Respondent charges \$120 per equine chiropractic adjustment. Jessica said that Respondent has Wisconsin contacts that schedule the Wisconsin visits for Respondent.
- 9. Respondent, by the conduct described above, has held himself out as authorized to practice acts constituting veterinary medicine.
- 10. Respondent, by the conduct described above, has engaged in conduct that constitutes the practice of veterinary medicine.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code ch. SPS 3 and Wis. Stat. § 440.21, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct described above constitutes the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 453.05(1).

ORDER

- 1. The attached stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Unless and until Respondent is properly licensed as a veterinarian by the Veterinary Examining Board, Respondent is enjoined and prohibited from the practice of veterinary medicine in the State of Wisconsin. Violation of this special order may result in a forfeiture of up to \$10,000 for each day of violation. See Wis. Stat. § 440.21(4)(a).
- 3. If the Department determines that there is probable cause to believe that Respondent has violated any terms of this Administrative Injunction, the Department may refer the violations covered by this decision and order to any appropriate prosecutorial unit for review for possible criminal charges.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Issued at Madison, Wisconsin, this 19th day of March, 2014.

By:

Michael J. Berndt, Chief Counsel On behalf of the Department

STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

CARL J. HINSZ, RESPONDENT.

0003120

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 UNL 046

Respondent Carl J. Hinsz and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

- 1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
- 2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
 - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
 - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
 - the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
 - the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
 - the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
 - the right to petition for rehearing; and
 - all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
- 3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
- 4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Department's Order, if adopted in the form as attached.
- 5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Department, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the

Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Department, the parties agree not to contend that the Department has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

- 6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance may appear before the Department, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the Department may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation.
- 7. Respondent is informed that should the Department adopt this Stipulation, the Department's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.
- 8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending that the Department adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

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