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Letter to Editor
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Who Can You Trust?

The West Virginia Bureau of Public Health (WVBPH) in April 2014, acted without lawful authority in seeking further records from Dr. Chalifoux' practice after clearing him of any improper practices upon initial review of records and inspection of his facility. The WVBPH then issued a confabulated press release on July 21, 2014 following a similar Press Release from the Ohio Dept. of Public Health casting Dr. Chalifoux in a false light and creating public panic causing damage to his practice and reputation. Essentially, the WVBPH confabulated an outbreak which it then told to Ohio Public Health (which accepted as "truth") what they had received from West Virginia which was not true nor ever was solely to discredit and destroy his medical practice and stop him from treating the many Chronic Pain patients which are treated by the practice in an attempt to improve their quality of life. Acting solely from communications with WV Public Health, Ohio Public health decided to send a Press Release which has essentially embarrassed them after finding out what really happened.

Following their Press Release, the WVBPH provided false information to the West Virginia Osteopathic Medical Board (WVOMB), which acted without due process to suspend Dr. Chalifoux' license. His license was suspended without notice or opportunity to be heard. Judge King of Kanawha County Circuit Court issued a Restraining Order on August 28, 2014 which effectively reinstated his license until the Osteopathic Medical Board could hold a hearing. The Board never conducted a hearing and ultimately issued a Dismissal Order closing their case against Dr. Chalifoux in October 2015, 14 months after it had attempted to suspend his medical license finding that they never had probable cause to suspend his license in the first place.

However, when the Board suspended his license, all insurances as well as hospitals revoked his certifications. All of his patients had to go see other physicians. Dr. Chalifoux has regained most of those provider certifications since, but the effects have been disastrous to his practice.

A license is like a piece of property. The government can't take away my house without due process. If they need my property for the public good such as to build a school, my house can be taken but I must first have due process and ultimately just compensation. The WVOMB totally failed at this. And their conduct is completely inexcusable as the Board has legal counsel. We

believe the Executive Director of the Board misled the Board Members into action that never should have been taken against Dr. Chalifoux.

Dr. Chalifoux and Valley Pain Management are back, willing to evaluate those patients who truly suffer from pain and want to find out why and find ways to get better and improve their lives. We aim to clear my name and reputation. Second, we are seeking compensation for the loss of business income, loss of reputation, attorney's fees and annoyance and inconvenience of having had to go through this entire unnecessary and unlawful process.

State and local government agencies were developed to help the public, not act callously and without any regard to the very people they serve. These 3 agencies have failed the very public they were designed to protect, one by confabulating an outbreak 9 months after "clearing" the clinic, the other by acting without due regard for proving a danger existed before destroying an established physician by suspending his license.

Sincerely
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