## BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT
AGAINST
JIM Y. WANG, D.O.

RESPONDENT.

Case No.: AD-05-29-907

Filed:

Executive Director IV

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## **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

The parties to the above-entitled action, the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine (hereinafter, the "BOARD") and JIM Y. WANG, D.O. (hereinafter, "RESPONDENT") hereby agree to resolve the instant Complaint pursuant to the following stipulations:

- 1. RESPONDENT, JIM Y. WANG, D.O., at all times relevant hereto was licensed by the BOARD to practice medicine in the State of Nevada and the BOARD has jurisdiction over RESPONDENT'S license to practice medicine by virtue of his licensure.
- 2. On or about September 6, 2005, the instant Complaint was filed against RESPONDENT alleging six (6) counts of violations of NRS 633.131(f) for failure to document his prescription of Oxycontin (a Schedule II narcotic) for six (6) patients or notate in their medical records the factual justification for these prescriptions, six (6) counts of violations of NRS 633.131(f)(1) for excessive prescription of Oxycontin for six (6) patients, six (6) counts of violations of NRS 633.131(f)(2) for administering Oxycontin to six (6) patients without justification and, thereby posing a threat to the public health, and one (1) count of violation of NAC 633.350(9) for engaging in a pattern of conduct which demonstrates RESPONDENT'S unfitness to practice osteopathic medicine.

3. On or about September 7, 2005, a First Amended Complaint was filed containing identical content to the original Complaint described herein, but correcting certain erroneous exhibit references in its text. Additionally, on or about September 7, 2005, a Request for Emergency Order of Summary Suspension was filed, whereby summary suspension of RESPONDENT'S license to practice Osteopathic Medicine was sought pursuant to NRS 633.591 since the allegations raised in the First Amended Complaint represented a real and significant threat to the public health, safety and welfare. After considering this Request, the BOARD then issued an Emergency Order of Summary Suspension that same day.

- 4. On or about September 8, 2005, the First Amended Complaint and Emergency Order of Summary Suspension were served upon RESPONDENT.
- 5. On or about October 7, 2005, RESPONDENT was served with Notice of Hearing as to the allegations within the First Amended Complaint referenced herein.
- 6. RESPONDENT is aware of his rights under Chapters 633 and 233B of the Nevada Revised Statutes, including his right to a formal hearing and opportunity to defend against the charges contained therein, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against him, and the right to file a Petition for Judicial Review with the District Court in the State of Nevada for a review of any adverse decision that might be rendered following a hearing and subsequent appeals therefrom.
- 7. RESPONDENT understands that the BOARD is prepared to proceed to hearing on the merits of the First Amended Complaint at its earliest opportunity.
- 8. RESPONDENT understands that if the BOARD hears the First Amended Complaint and finds that a violation has occurred, the BOARD may order any or all of the sanctions be imposed against him as set out in NRS 633.651, including revocation of RESPONDENT'S license to practice osteopathic medicine and the imposition of discipline

- 9. RESPONDENT for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby releases, remises and forever discharges the State of Nevada, the BOARD, the Nevada Department of Justice / Office of the Attorney General and each of their members, agents and employees in their individual and representative capacities from any and all manner of actions, causes of actions, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever known or unknown, in law and equity, that RESPONDENT here had, now has, may have or claim to have against any and all persons or entities named in this paragraph arising out of, or by reason of, these matters or any other matter relating thereto.
- 10. In order to resolve this matter, RESPONDENT is entering into this Settlement Agreement and is waiving formal findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to the provisions of NRS 233B.121(5). RESPONDENT acknowledges that the allegations constitute grounds for disciplinary actions under Chapter 633 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- 11. RESPONDENT has reviewed the allegations and causes of action contained within the First Amended Complaint. RESPONDENT contends he can offer reasonable explanations for the conduct described therein, and further contends that these reasonable explanations could have the effect of diminishing his culpability for said conduct. Nevertheless, RESPONDENT accepts responsibility for his actions as available evidence suggests the possible violation of NRS 633.131 as contained within the First Amended Complaint.
- 12. In exchange for the dismissal of these Counts and complete reinstatement of RESPONDENT'S license to practice osteopathic medicine and all privileges thereunder, RESPONDENT agrees to the following terms and conditions:
- a. RESPONDENT agrees that his license to practice osteopathic medicine will be deemed conditional for a period of two (2) years from the date of approval of this

Settlement Agreement by the BOARD.

b. RESPONDENT agrees that he will attend a course in the management of controlled substances on a date and at a time in reasonable proximity to the date of approval of this Settlement Agreement by the BOARD. If this Settlement Agreement is approved by the BOARD, the RESPONDENT may select from among the following available courses in the management of controlled substances:

- 1) "Prescribing Controlled Drugs, Critical Issues and Common Pitfalls", Center for Professional Health at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN, (615) 936-0678;
- 2) Responsible Drug Prescribing", PACE Program, University of California, San Diego, San Diego California, (619) 543-6770 or (858) 534-3940;
- 3) "Mini-Residency in Proper Prescribing of Controlled Substances" facility, New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners, (609) 795-0026;
- 4) "Mini-Residency in Proper Prescribing of Controlled Dangerous Substances", Forensic and Educational Consultants and Kennedy Memorial Hospital, New Jersey, (609) 822-3317, or (609) 332-3344 or (941) 387-8110.
- c. In any case, RESPONDENT will attend a course of his choosing no later than six (6) months following the date of approval of this Settlement Agreement by the BOARD. Upon completion of this course, RESPONDENT will provide written proof of his matriculation to the BOARD for review at its next monthly meeting. All costs of attendance, enrollment, and completion of the program RESPONDENT ultimately attends shall be borne by RESPONDENT. No other courses can be substituted for those listed herein without amendment of this Settlement Agreement and Order and approval by the Board.
- d. RESPONDENT further agrees that, for a period of two (2) years from the date of approval of this Settlement Agreement by the BOARD, his patient files and

prescription reports will be subject to random, discretely conducted audits by designated representatives of the BOARD on a maximum of three (3) occasions per year.

- e. RESPONDENT further agrees that, for a period of two (2) years from the date of approval of this Settlement Agreement by the BOARD, he will not prescribe any controlled substances as set forth in Chapter 453 of the Nevada Administrative Code, subject to the following exception:
- 1) RESPONDENT may prescribe any of the following controlled substances, subject to the audit provisions specified above:
  - a) Lortab #5
  - b) Vicodin
  - c) Tylenol #3 with Codeine
  - d) Darvocet
- f. RESPONDENT further agrees to pay the sum of \$10,000, representing the fees and administrative costs of the BOARD, its counsel, and staff, within six (6) months of the effective date of the Order approving this Settlement Agreement.
- g. RESPONDENT further agrees that his license to practice osteopathic medicine is subject to immediate revocation by the BOARD in the event that RESPONDENT is found to be in violation of the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- of the BOARD on February 9, 2006. In the event that the BOARD rejects this Settlement Agreement, the First Amended Complaint pending against RESPONDENT, Case No. AD-05-29-907, will proceed to hearing at a later date. Through this Settlement Agreement, RESPONDENT specifically waives the requirements of NAC 633.450(4), which requires that a Hearing occur within sixty (60) days of RESPONDENT'S summary suspension of this Board.

14. In the event that the BOARD rejects this Settlement Agreement, this Agreement and all statements contained therein shall be null and void and inadmissible in any proceeding and the parties agree not to contend that the BOARD has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by consideration of this attempted resolution.

15. The parties agree that the counsel for the Investigating Board Member in this matter may appear before the BOARD, in open or closed session, outside the presence of RESPONDENT or his counsel, for the purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the members of the BOARD and its staff may have in connection with their deliberations on this matter.

WHEREFORE, it is agreed that the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, without necessity of formal findings of fact and conclusions of law, which were specifically waived by RESPONDENT and the BOARD, may issue the following ORDER:

- 1. That this case shall be settled and RESPONDENT receive complete reinstatement of his license to practice osteopathic medicine and all privileges thereunder, upon the following terms and conditions:
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Dated this day of February, 2006.			
Nevada Board of Osteopathic Medicine			
By: DANIEL CURTIS, D.O. Investigating Member of the Nevada Board of Osteopathic Medicine  By: DANIEL CURTIS, D.O. Respondent Respondent			
Approved and Submitted by:  COTKIN, COLLINS & GINSBURG			
GEORGE CHANOS  Attorney General  By: MARIE ELLERTON, ESQ.			
Richard I. Dreitzer Deputy Attorney General 555 E. Washington Avenue, Suite 3900 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 (702) 486-3165  IT IS SO ORDERED.  DATED this 9TM day of February, 2006.  NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE  BY:  RUDY MANTHEI, CHARRAAN			