1	XAVIER BECERRA Attorney General of California	
2	Attorney General of California ARMANDO ZAMBRANO	
3	Supervising Deputy Attorney General NANCY A. KAISER	
4	Deputy Attorney General State Bar No. 192083	
	300 So. Spring Street, Suite 1702	
5	Los Angeles, CA 90013 Telephone: (213) 897-5794	
6	Facsimile: (213) 897-2804 Attorneys for Complainant	
7	y. y	
8	BEFORE THE	
9	BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	
$_{0}\parallel$	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
1	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 6020
2 ∦	INFINITE HEALTH SOLUTIONS, INC.	
, ∥	D.B.A. IRVINE WELLNESS PHARMACY,	ACCUSATION
,	MARC. T. HOANG, OWNER 113 Waterworks Way, Ste. 160A	ACCUSATION
,	Irvine, CA 92618	
	Permit No. PHY 50976,	
	and	
	MARC. T. HOANG	
	8841 Valley Blvd. Rosemead, CA 91770	
)- -	Pharmacist License No. RPH 50411	
╢		
	Respondents.	
	Complainant alleges:	
	<u>PARTIES</u>	
	-	
- 11	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.	
-		
	(=	
3	c capacity	

- 2. On or about June 8, 2012, the Board of Pharmacy issued Permit Number PHY 50976 to Infinite Health Solutions, Inc. d.b.a. Irvine Wellness Pharmacy (Respondent Irvine Wellness Pharmacy), located at 113 Waterworks Way, Suite 160A, Irvine, CA 92618. The records of the Board of Pharmacy show that Marc T. Hoang is and has been the sole shareholder, Chief Executive Officer, President, Secretary and Treasurer of Respondent Irvine Wellness Pharmacy since June 8, 2012. The Permit expired on June 1, 2016, and has not been renewed.
- 3. On or about September 4, 1998, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License Number RPH 50411 to Marc. T. Hoang (Respondent Hoang). The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2018, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 4. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code), unless otherwise indicated.
- 5. Section 4300, subsection (a), of the Code states, in pertinent part, "[e]very license issued may be suspended or revoked . . ."
 - 6. Section 4300.1 of the Code states:

"The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary-surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license."

STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 7. Section 4110 states, in part:
- "(a) No person shall conduct a pharmacy in the State of California unless he or she has obtained a license from the board. A license shall be required for each pharmacy owned or operated by a specific person. A separate license shall be required for each of the premises of any person operating a pharmacy in more than one location. The license shall be renewed annually.

The board may, by regulation, determine the circumstances under which a license may be transferred."

8. Section 4301 of the Code states:

"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

. . .

- "(f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a licensee or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not.
- "(g) Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document that falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.

. . .

- "(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency."
 - 9. Code section 4307 states:
- (a) Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been revoked or is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it was under suspension, or who has been a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of any partnership, corporation, firm, or association whose application for a license has been denied or revoked, is under suspension or has been placed on probation, and while acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the license was denied, revoked, suspended, or placed on probation, shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee as follows:

- (1) Where a probationary license is issued or where an existing license is placed on probation, this prohibition shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed five years.
- (2) Where the license is denied or revoked, the prohibition shall continue until the license is issued or reinstated.
- "(b) 'Manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner,' as used in this section and Section 4308, may refer to a pharmacist or to any other person who serves in that capacity in or for a licensee.
- "(c) The provisions of subdivision (a) may be alleged in any pleading filed pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of the Government Code. However, no order may be issued in that case except as to a person who is named in the caption, as to whom the pleading alleges the applicability of this section, and where the person has been given notice of the proceeding as required by Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of the Government Code. The authority to proceed as provided by this subdivision shall be in addition to the board's authority to proceed under Section 4339 or any other provision of law."
 - 10. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1709, states:
- "(a) Each permit to operate a pharmacy shall show the name and address of the pharmacy, the form of ownership (individual, partnership or corporation) and the pharmacist-in-charge. Each pharmacy shall, in its initial application on the annual renewal form, report the name of the pharmacist-in-charge, the names of all owners and the names of the corporate officers (if a corporation). Any changes in the pharmacist-in-charge, or the owners, or corporate officers shall be reported to the Board within 30 days.
- "(b) Any transfer, in a single transaction or in a series of transactions, of 10 percent or more of the beneficial interest in a business entity licensed by the board to a person or entity who did not hold a beneficial interest at the time the original permit was issued, shall require written notification to the board within 30 days.
- "(c) The following shall constitute a transfer of permit and require application for a change of ownership: any transfer of a beneficial interest in a business entity licensed by the board, in a

single transaction or in a series of transactions, to any person or entity, which transfer results in the transferee's holding 50% or more of the beneficial interest in that license."

COST RECOVERY

11. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

FACTUAL SUMMARY

- 12. On or about August 14, 2013, Respondent Hoang transferred 100% of his stock in Infinite Health Solutions, Inc. d.b.a. Irvine Wellness Pharmacy (Respondent Irvine Wellness Pharmacy), located at 113 Waterworks Way, Suite 160A, Irvine, CA 92618, to Leslie Andre Ezidore a.k.a. Andre Ezidore and Fatima Z. Harmi Ezidore a.k.a. Fatima Harmi (the "Ezidores"). In or about August 2013, the Ezidores began to operate the pharmacy. On or about October 1, 2013, a Statement of Information for Infinite Health Solutions, Inc. was filed with the Secretary of State, stating that Fatima Z. Harmi Ezidore was the Chief Executive Officer, Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, and Director. Respondents did not report the change in ownership or the change in corporate officers to the Board as required. Instead, Respondent Hoang continued to sign the pharmacy's license renewal applications in 2014, 2015 and 2016, and the pharmacy's change of pharmacist-in-charge applications in April 2014 and January 2015, which were after the sale of the pharmacy, falsely representing that he was still the owner of Infinite Health Solutions, Inc. d.b.a. Irvine Wellness Pharmacy.
- 13. As of the Board's inspection of Respondent Irvine Wellness Pharmacy's facility, located at 113 Waterworks Way, Ste. 160A, Irvine, CA 92618, on June 7, 2016, Respondent Irvine Wellness Pharmacy was licensed as a non-resident pharmacy in 33 states.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Notify the Board of Change in Ownership)

14. Respondent Irvine Wellness Pharmacy is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4300 and 4301, subdivision (o), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that it violated California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1709, subdivisions (a) and (c), by failing to notify the Board of its change of ownership as required. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 2, 12, and 13, as though set forth in full herein.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Notify the Board of Change in Ownership)

15. Respondent Hoang is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4300 and 4301, subdivision (o), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that it violated California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1709, subdivisions (a) and (c), by failing to report to the Board the change in ownership of Infinite Health Solutions, Inc. d.b.a. Irvine Wellness Pharmacy as required. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 2 and 12 through 14, as though set forth in full herein.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct - Falsifying Documents)

16. Respondent Hoang is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4300 and 4301, subdivision (g), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that he knowingly made or signed documents that falsely represented the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts. Specifically, in 2014, 2015 and 2016, Respondent Hoang represented himself as the owner of Infinite Health Solutions, Inc. d.b.a. Irvine Wellness Pharmacy, when he signed the pharmacy's license renewal applications after he sold the pharmacy in 2013. Respondent Hoang also represented himself as the owner when he signed the change in pharmacist in charge application on April 2014 and January 2015. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 2 and 12 through 15, as though set forth in full herein.

20-

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct - Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit)

17. Respondent Hoang is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4300 and Section 4301, subdivision (f), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that he committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption. Specifically, Respondent Hoang was dishonest when he signed the pharmacy license renewal for 2014, 2015 and 2016 for Infinite Health Solutions, Inc. d.b.a. Irvine Wellness Pharmacy and represented himself as the owner when, in fact, he was not the owner of the pharmacy. Respondent Hoang was also dishonest when he represented himself as the owner and signed the change in pharmacist-in-charge application on April 2014 and January 2015, when, in fact, he was not the owner of the pharmacy. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 2, 12 through 16, as though set forth in full herein.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct - Aiding and Abetting Unlicensed Activity)

18. Respondent Hoang is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4300 and 4301, subdivision (o), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that he violated Code section 4110, by aiding and abetting unlicensed activity. Specifically, in or about August 2013, Respondent Hoang sold Infinite Health Solutions, Inc. d.b.a. Irvine Wellness Pharmacy to the Ezidores, but failed to notify the Board. Instead, Respondent Hoang continued to sign the pharmacy license renewals in 2014, 2015, and 2016, and the change in pharmacist-in-charge applications on 2014 and 2015, falsely representing himself as the owner; thereby, aiding and abetting the unlicensed activity of the Ezidores. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 2 and 12 through 17, as though set forth in full herein.

///

///

///

///

DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

- 19. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondents, Complainant alleges the following:
- a. On or about April 11, 2014, the Board of Pharmacy issued Citation Number CI 2013 60878 with a fine of \$1,500 to Respondent Hoang, for violating Section 4110 of the Code (operating a pharmacy without a license). That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
- b. On or about April 8, 2016, the Board of Pharmacy issued Citation Number CI 2014 63990 with a fine of \$5,000 to Respondent Irvine Wellness Pharmacy, for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1761 (dispensing prescriptions that contained significant errors or omissions). That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
- c. On or about July 15, 2016, the Board of Pharmacy issued Citation Number CI 2015 69859 with a fine of \$500 to Respondent Hoang, for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1761 (dispensing prescriptions that contained significant errors or omissions). That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

OTHER MATTERS

- 20. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50976 issued to Infinite Health Solutions, Inc. d.b.a. Irvine Wellness Pharmacy, Infinite Health Solutions, Inc. shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50976 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50976 is reinstated if it is revoked.
- 21. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit
 Number PHY 50976 issued to Infinite Health Solutions, Inc. d.b.a. Irvine Wellness Pharmacy
 while Marc T. Hoang has been an officer and owner and had knowledge of or knowingly
 participated in any conduct for which the licensee was disciplined, Marc T. Hoang shall be
 prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate,

or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50976 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50976 is reinstated if it is revoked.

<u>PRAYER</u>

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Permit Number PHY 50976, issued to Infinite Health Solutions, Inc. d.b.a. Irvine Wellness Pharmacy;
- 2. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 50411, issued to Marc T. Hoang;
- 3. Prohibiting Infinite Health Solutions, Inc. from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50976 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50976 is reinstated if Pharmacy Permit Number 50976 issued to Infinite Health Solutions, Inc. d.b.a. Irvine Wellness Pharmacy is revoked;
- 4. Prohibiting Marc T. Hoang from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50976 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50976 is reinstated if Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 50976 issued to Infinite Health Solutions, Inc. d.b.a. Irvine Wellness Pharmacy is revoked;
- 5. Ordering Irvine Wellness-Pharmacy and Marc T. Hoang to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and,
 - 6. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 3/9/17

VIRGINIA HEROLD

Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California

Complainant