BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 4461

SAN DIEGO HOSPICE CORP. DBA SAN DIEGO HOSPICE PHARMACY

Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 37157

Sterile Compounding License No. LSC 99299

and

ROSENE DOBNICK PIRRELLO

3863-3 California Street San Diego, CA 92110

Pharmacy License No. RPH 36880

Respondents.

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER AS TO ROSENE DOBNICK PIRRELLO ONLY

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This decision shall become effective on July 9, 2014.

It is so ORDERED on July 2, 2014.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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24	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:		
25	PAR	TIES	
26	1. Virginia Herold ("Complainant") is	the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy.	
27	She brought this action solely in her official cap	acity and is represented in this matter by Kamala	
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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (4461)

D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Nicole R. Trama, Deputy Attorney General.

- 2. Rosene Dobnick Pirrello (Respondent) is representing herself in this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.
- 3. On or about February 10, 1982, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License No. RPH 36880 to Rosene Dobnick Pirrello (Respondent). The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4461 and will expire on January 31, 2016, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 4. Accusation No. 4461 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on February 10, 2014. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 5. A copy of Accusation No. 4461 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 6. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 4461. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order
- 7. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 9. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 4461, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon her Pharmacist License.
- 10. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that Respondent hereby gives up her right to contest those charges.
- 11. Respondent agrees that her Pharmacist License is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

- 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 13. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 14. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary

Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

15. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacist License No. RPH 36880 issued to Respondent Rosene Dobnick Pirrello (Respondent) is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for four (4) years on the following terms and conditions.

1. Obey All Laws

Respondent shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations.

Respondent shall report any of the following occurrences to the board, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of such occurrence:

- an arrest or issuance of a criminal complaint for violation of any provision of the
 Pharmacy Law, state and federal food and drug laws, or state and federal controlled
 substances laws
- a plea of guilty or nolo contendre in any state or federal criminal proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment
- a conviction of any crime
- discipline, citation, or other administrative action filed by any state or federal agency
 which involves respondent's pharmacist license or which is related to the practice of
 pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing, billing, or charging
 for any drug, device or controlled substance.

Failure to timely report such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

2. Report to the Board

Respondent shall report to the board quarterly, on a schedule as directed by the board or its designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Among other requirements, respondent shall state in each report under penalty of perjury whether there has

been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of probation. Any period(s) of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the total period of probation. Moreover, if the final probation report is not made as directed, probation shall be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted by the board.

3. Interview with the Board

Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the board or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are determined by the board or its designee. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without prior notification to board staff, or failure to appear for two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the board or its designee during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

4. Cooperate with Board Staff

Respondent shall cooperate with the board's inspection program and with the board's monitoring and investigation of respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of her probation. Failure to cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

5. Continuing Education

Respondent shall provide evidence of efforts to maintain skill and knowledge as a pharmacist as directed by the board or its designee.

6. Notice to Employers

During the period of probation, respondent shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in case number 4461 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed on respondent by the decision, as follows:

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of respondent undertaking any new employment, respondent shall cause her direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge (including each new pharmacist-in-charge employed during respondent's tenure of employment) and owner to report to the board in writing acknowledging that the listed individual(s) has/have read the decision in case number 4461, and terms and conditions imposed

thereby. It shall be respondent's responsibility to ensure that her employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the board.

If respondent works for or is employed by or through a pharmacy employment service, respondent must notify her direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge, and owner at every entity licensed by the board of the terms and conditions of the decision in case number 4461 in advance of the respondent commencing work at each licensed entity. A record of this notification must be provided to the board upon request.

Furthermore, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of respondent undertaking any new employment by or through a pharmacy employment service, respondent shall cause her direct supervisor with the pharmacy employment service to report to the board in writing acknowledging that she has read the decision in case number 4461 and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be respondent's responsibility to ensure that her employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the board.

Failure to timely notify present or prospective employer(s) or to cause that/those employer(s) to submit timely acknowledgments to the board shall be considered a violation of probation.

"Employment" within the meaning of this provision shall include any full-time, part-time, temporary, relief or pharmacy management service as a pharmacist or any position for which a pharmacist license is a requirement or criterion for employment, whether the respondent is an employee, independent contractor or volunteer.

7. No Supervision of Interns, Serving as Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC), Serving as Designated Representative-in-Charge, or Serving as a Consultant

During the period of probation, respondent shall not supervise any intern pharmacist, be the pharmacist-in-charge or designated representative-in-charge of any entity licensed by the board nor serve as a consultant unless otherwise specified in this order. Assumption of any such unauthorized supervision responsibilities shall be considered a violation of probation.

8. Reimbursement of Board Costs

As a condition precedent to successful completion of probation, respondent shall pay to the board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$8,845.00. Respondent shall make said payments as follows: Respondent shall pay \$200.00 per month commencing on the effective date of this decision, and on the first of each month thereafter until paid in full.

There shall be no deviation from this schedule absent prior written approval by the board or its designee. Failure to pay costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

The filing of bankruptcy by respondent shall not relieve respondent of her responsibility to reimburse the board its costs of investigation and prosecution.

9. Probation Monitoring Costs

Respondent shall pay any costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the board on a schedule as directed by the board or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

10. Status of License

Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current license with the board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled. Failure to maintain an active, current license shall be considered a violation of probation.

If respondent's license expires or is cancelled by operation of law or otherwise at any time during the period of probation, including any extensions thereof due to tolling or otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication respondent's license shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

11. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension

Following the effective date of this decision, should respondent cease practice due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, respondent may tender her license to the board for surrender. The board or its designee shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems

appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. This surrender constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of the respondent's license history with the board.

Upon acceptance of the surrender, respondent shall relinquish her pocket and wall license to the board within ten (10) days of notification by the board that the surrender is accepted. Respondent may not reapply for any license from the board for three (3) years from the effective date of the surrender. Respondent shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date the application for that license is submitted to the board, including any outstanding costs.

12. Notification of a Change in Name, Residence Address, Mailing Address or Employment

Respondent shall notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of any change of employment. Said notification shall include the reasons for leaving, the address of the new employer, the name of the supervisor and owner, and the work schedule if known. Respondent shall further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of a change in name, residence address, mailing address, or phone number.

Failure to timely notify the board of any change in employer(s), name(s), address(es), or phone number(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

13. Tolling of Probation

Except during periods of suspension, respondent shall, at all times while on probation, be employed as a pharmacist in California for a minimum of forty (40) hours per calendar month. Any month during which this minimum is not met shall toll the period of probation, i.e., the period of probation shall be extended by one month for each month during which this minimum is not met. During any such period of tolling of probation, respondent must nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions of probation.

Should respondent, regardless of residency, for any reason (including vacation) cease practicing as a pharmacist for a minimum of forty (40) hours per calendar month in California, respondent must notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of the cessation of practice, and

must further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of the resumption of practice. Any failure to provide such notification(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

It is a violation of probation for respondent's probation to remain tolled pursuant to the provisions of this condition for a total period, counting consecutive and non-consecutive months, exceeding thirty-six (36) months.

"Cessation of practice" means any calendar month during which respondent is not practicing as a pharmacist for at least forty (40) hours, as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq. "Resumption of practice" means any calendar month during which respondent is practicing as a pharmacist for at least forty (40) hours as a pharmacist as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq.

14. Violation of Probation

If a respondent has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the board shall have continuing jurisdiction over respondent, and probation shall automatically be extended, until all terms and conditions have been satisfied or the board has taken other action as deemed appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a violation of probation, to terminate probation, and to impose the penalty that was stayed.

If respondent violates probation in any respect, the board, after giving respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. Notice and opportunity to be heard are not required for those provisions stating that a violation thereof may lead to automatic termination of the stay and/or revocation of the license. If a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against respondent during probation, the board shall have continuing jurisdiction and the period of probation shall be automatically extended until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

15. Completion of Probation

Upon written notice by the board or its designee indicating successful completion of probation, respondent's license will be fully restored.

16. Community Services Program

Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the board or its designee, for prior approval, a community service program in which respondent shall provide free health-care related services on a regular basis to a community or charitable facility or agency for at least thirty (30) hours per year while on probation. Within thirty (30) days of board approval thereof, respondent shall submit documentation to the board demonstrating commencement of the community service program. A record of this notification must be provided to the board upon request. Respondent shall report on progress with the community service program in the quarterly reports. Failure to timely submit, commence, or comply with the program shall be considered a violation of probation.

17. Remedial Education

Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the board or its designee, for prior approval, an appropriate program of remedial education related to compounding. The program of remedial education shall consist of at least fifteen (15) hours per year during the first two (2) years of probation and at respondent's own expense. All remedial education shall be in addition to, and shall not be credited toward, continuing education (CE) courses used for license renewal purposes.

Failure to timely submit or complete the approved remedial education shall be considered a violation of probation. The period of probation will be automatically extended until such remedial education is successfully completed and written proof, in a form acceptable to the board, is provided to the board or its designee.

Following the completion of each course, the board or its designee may require the respondent, at his or her own expense, to take an approved examination to test the respondent's knowledge of the course. If the respondent does not achieve a passing score on the examination, this failure shall be considered a violation of probation. Any such examination failure shall require respondent to take another course approved by the board in the same subject area.

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18. No Ownership of Licensed Premises

Respondent shall not own, have any legal or beneficial interest in, or serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any business, firm, partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter licensed by the board. Respondent shall sell or transfer any legal or beneficial interest in any entity licensed by the board within ninety (90) days following the effective date of this decision and shall immediately thereafter provide written proof thereof to the board. Failure to timely divest any legal or beneficial interest(s) or provide documentation thereof shall be considered a violation of probation.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacist License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

DATED: May 27, 2014

ROSENE DOBNICK PIRRELLO Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy.

Dated: May 28, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 4461

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21	Respondents.
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23	Complainant alleges:
24	PARTIES
25	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity
26 27	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.
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	Accusation

- 2. On or about February 10, 1982, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License Number RPH 36880 to Rosene Dobnick Pirrello (Respondent). The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 3. On or about July 24, 1991, the Board of Pharmacy issued Hospital Pharmacy Permit Number HSP 37157 to San Diego Hospice Corp., doing business as San Diego Hospice Pharmacy (Respondent). On February 4, 2013, the Hospital Pharmacy Permit was changed to a Retail Pharmacy Permit (PHY 37157). The Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and expired on June 1, 2013.
- 4. On or about May 26, 2005, the Board of Pharmacy issued Sterile Compounding License Number LSC 99299 to San Diego Hospice Corp., doing business as San Diego Hospice Pharmacy (Respondent). The Sterile Compounding License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and expired on June 1, 2013.

JURISDICTION

- 5. 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 unless otherwise indicated.
- 6. Section 4011 of the Code provides that the Board shall administer and enforce both the Pharmacy Law [Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 et seq.] and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act [Health & Safety Code, § 11000 et seq.].
- 7. Section 4300(a) of the Code provides that every license issued by the Board may be suspended or revoked.
 - 8. 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 PROVISIONS

9. Section 4022 of the Code states:

Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:

- (a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.
- (b) Any device that bears the statement: "Caution: federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a ," "Rx only," or words of similar import, the blank to be filled in with the designation of the practitioner licensed to use or order use of the device
- (c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006.
- 10. Section 4105, subdivision (a) of the Code states: "All records or other documentation of the acquisition and disposition of dangerous drugs and dangerous devices by any entity licensed by the board shall be retained on the licensed premises in a readily retrievable form."
- Section 4113, subdivision (c) of the Code states: "The pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for a pharmacy's compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy."
 - Section 4301 of the Code states in pertinent part: 12.

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

- (j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, or any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.
- (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.

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1	13. Section 4333, subdivision (a) of the Code states: "All prescriptions filled by a		
2	pharmacy and all other records required by Section 4081 shall be maintained on the premises and		
3	available for inspection by authorized officers of the law for a period of at least three years. In		
4	cases where the pharmacy discontinues business, these records shall be maintained in a board-		
5	licensed facility for at least three years."		
6	REGULATORY PROVISIONS		
7	14. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1707 states:		
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9	(e) Notwithstanding any waiver granted pursuant to subdivision (a), all prescription records for non controlled substances shall be maintained on the licensed premises for a period of one year from the date of dispensing.		
10	(f) Notwithstanding any waiver granted pursuant to subdivision (a), all prescription records for controlled substances shall be maintained on the licensed		
12	premises for a period of two years from the date of dispensing 15. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735, subdivision (a) states in		
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14	pertinent part:		
15	"Compounding" means any of the following activates occurring in a licensed pharmacy, by or under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to a prescription:		
16 17	(1) Altering the dosage form or delivery system of a drug		
18	(2) Altering the strength of a drug		
19	(3) Combining components or active ingredients		
20	(4) Preparing a drug product from chemicals or bulk drug substances		
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22	16. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.2(a) states:		
23	(a) Except as specified in (b) and (c), no drug product shall be compounded prior to receipt by a pharmacy of a valid prescription for an individual patient where		
24	the prescriber has approved use of a compounded drug product either orally or in writing. Where approval is given orally, that approval shall be noted on the		
25	prescription prior to compounding.		
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(4) Written justification of the chosen expiration dates for compounded

(c) Batch-produced sterile injectable drug products compounded from one or more non-sterile ingredients shall be subject to documented end product testing for sterility and pyrogens and shall be quarantined until the end product testing

COST RECOVERY

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

- Chlorpromazine is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022 and is used for the treatment of psychiatric illness and nausea or vomiting.
- Dexamethasone is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code
- Diazepam is a Schedule IV controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(9) and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. Diazepam is used for the treatment of anxiety and seizures.
- Fentanyl is a Schedule II controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (c)(8), and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. Fentanyl is used for the treatment of pain.
 - Haloperidol is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section

- 25. Indomethacin is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022 and is used for the treatment of inflammation.
- 26. Ketoprofen is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022 and is used for the treatment of pain.
- 27. Metoclopramide is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022 and is used for the treatment of nausea and vomiting.
- 28. Mexiletine is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022 and is used in the treatment of heart arrhythmias and prevent transplanted organ rejection.
- 29. Phenobarbital is a Schedule IV controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d)(26), and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. Phenobarbital is used in the treatment of seizures.
- 30. Phenytoin is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022 and is used for the treatment of seizures.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 31. Since August 21, 2002 and at all times referenced herein, Rosene Pirrello (Respondent) was the Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) of San Diego Hospice Corp., doing business as San Diego Hospice Pharmacy (Respondent). On or about May 15, 2012, the Board conducted an annual licensed sterile compounder inspection of Respondents.
- 32. During the inspection, the Board inspector discovered that Respondents did not maintain the records for the acquisition of dangerous drugs and controlled substances on the licensed premises as required by law.
- 33. During the inspection, the Board inspector also reviewed Respondents' compounding records and discovered that Respondents had not followed the regulations required for compounding sterile injectable drugs.² Specifically, from February 22, 2012 through May 4,

² "Sterile" compounds require sterility and are typically in the form of injectables for the direct administration into a sterile organ or fluid in the body. It is imperative these products contain little to no contaminants for the safety of the patient.

2012, Respondents compounded six batches of stock fentanyl 1000mcg/ml-1000mls (Assigned Lot Numbers STK178-0, STK178-2, STK178-3, STK220-0, STK220-1, and STK220-2) without quarantine of those six batches until end-product testing, in order to confirm sterility and acceptable levels of pyrogens. Respondents did not examine on a periodic basis the end-product of those six batches to ensure that they met the required specifications.

34. Respondents also did not perform periodic sampling to determine if the end-product met required specifications for another nine lots of sterile to sterile compounded fentanyl 50mcg/ml aliquots, as follows:

Compounded date	Assigned Beyond Use Date	Assigned Lot #	Stock Lot # Used
2/22/12	3/22/12	STK179-0	STK 178-0
2/29/12	3/30/12	STK179-2	STK 178-2
3/12/12	4/11/12	STK128-12	STK 178-3
4/11/12	5/11/12	STK219-0	STK 220-0
4/12/12	5/12/12	STK219-1	STK 220-0
4/19/12	5/11/12	STK219-2	STK 220-0
4/26/12	5/26/12	STK219-3	STK 220-1
5/4/12	6/3/12	STK219-5	STK 220-2
5/7/12	6/3/12	STK219-6	STK 220-2

These nine lots were dispensed to patients without Respondents' verification of the test results.

- 35. The Board inspector also determined based on her review of compounding logs that Respondents did not properly record the required manufacturer and lot numbers in their compounding logs for another three lots of stock fentanyl 1000 mcg/ml (Assigned Lot Numbers STK178-3, STK220-0, and STK220-2) and another five lots of fentanyl 50 mcg/ml (Assigned Lot Numbers STK219-0, STK219-1, STK219-2, STK219-3, and STK219-6).
- 36. In addition, the Board inspector determined that Respondents had ordered and purchased non-patient specific compounded drugs (drugs compounded by pharmacies prior to receipt by those pharmacies of valid prescriptions for individual patients where the prescribers had approved use of a compounded drug either orally or in writing) from two pharmacies, UCP and VDC.

37. Respondents' records show that from January 2009 to April 2012, Respondents ordered and purchased the following units of non-patient specific compounded drug products from UCP:

Compounded Drug	Total Units Purchased
Chlorpromazine 50mg Suppository (number)	78,474
Chlorpromazine 25mg Suppository (number)	2,850
Chlorpromazine 100mg Suppository (number)	6,840
Chlorpromazine 100mg/ml Sol (ml)	7,344
Diph 25-Methel 10- dex 2mg Suppository (number)	360
Ketoprofen 20% PLO (grams)	11,552
Ketoprofen 10% PLO (grams)	7,800
MOHS Paste (grams)	300
Phenytoin 300mg Suppository (number)	930
Valproic Acid 250mg/5ml suspension (ml)	1,700
Ketamine 5% keto 10% Lido 5% PLO (grams)	180
Indomethacin 50mg Suppository (number)	48
Sal Acid 2% sulfur 3% HCT 0.05% Cream (grams)	. 60
Mexiletine 50 mg Capsules (number)	300
APAP 650MG Suppository (number)	3,000

38. Respondents' records further show that from January 2009 to April 2012, Respondents ordered and purchased the following units of non-patient specific compounded drug products from VDC:

Compounded Drug	Total Units
	Purchased
Chlorpromazine (unknown)	20
Chlorpromazine 50mg/ml PLO gel 10ml (each)	795
Chlorpromazine 100mg/ml PLO gel 10ml (each)	1,477
Mexiletine 50mg capsules (number)	1,286
Mexiletine 100mg capsules (number)	100
Mexiletine 150mg capsules (number)	550
Dexamethasone/ diphen/ metoclopramide 2mg/25mg/10mg (1 ml) PLO (each)	1,415
Phenobarbital 60mg Suppository	490
Phenobarbital 30mg Suppository	30
Phenobarbital 180mg Suppository	72
Diazepam 5mg Suppository	30
Diazepam 10mg Suppository	150
Lorazepam 1mg/ml PLO	5
Metoclopramide 10mg/0.1ml PLO gel	44
Haloperidol 1mg/ml PLO Gel	63
Carbamazepine 200mg Suppository (each)	12

39. The total number of each type of non-patient specific compounded drug products which Respondents ordered and purchased from UCP and VDC, were as follows:

Compounded Product		Total Units Purchased
Suppositories (number)		93,290
PLO Gel		19,535gms and 10,954 mls
Creams (grams)		60
Solutions/suspension (mls)		9,044
Pastes (grams)		300
Capsules		2,236

40. Subsequently, Respondents comingled these non-patient specific compounded drugs into their pharmacy stock and then dispensed those drugs to patients.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Maintain Records)

41. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o), for violating Code sections 4105(a) and 4333(a) and California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 1707(e) and (f) for failing to maintain records of acquisition of dangerous drugs and controlled substances onsite at the address listed on its pharmacy license, as set forth in paragraphs 31 through 40, which are incorporated herein by reference.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Perform End Product Testing)

42. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o), for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.7(c) in that they compounded six batches of stock fentanyl 1000mcg/ml-1000mls without documentation of end product testing for sterility and pyrogens and without a quarantine of products until the end product testing confirmed sterility and acceptable levels of pyrogens, as set forth in paragraphs 31 through 40, which are incorporated herein by reference.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Keep Proper Compounding Records)

43. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o), for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.3(a)(6), in that Respondents' compounding logs for three lots of stock fentanyl 1000mcg/ml and five lots of fentanyl 50 mcg/ml lacked the manufacturer and lot numbers, as set forth in paragraphs 31 through 40, which are incorporated herein by reference.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Complete Process Validation)

44. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o), for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.7(a), in that Respondents compounded nine lots of sterile to sterile fentanyl 50mcg/ml aliquots where no periodic sampling was performed in order to determine if the product met required specifications and dispensed those nine lots to patients without verifying the test results, as set forth in paragraphs 31 through 40, which are incorporated herein by reference.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Aiding and Abetting Compounding of Drugs Prior to Receipt of Valid Prescriptions for Individual Patients)

45. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o), for aiding and abetting the violation of California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.2(a), in that Respondents ordered and purchased drugs which were compounded by UCP and VDC prior to receipt by UCP and VDC of valid prescriptions either orally or in writing, for individual patients where the prescribers had approved use of a compounded drug product, as set forth in paragraphs 31 through 40, which are incorporated herein by reference.

DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS

46. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondents, Complainant alleges:

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- a. On or about June 5, 2012, the Board issued Citation number CI 2011 52741 against Rosene Dobnick Pirrello for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1714(d), for failing to provide security against theft or diversion of dangerous drugs, and ordered Respondent Pirrello to pay a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00. Respondent Pirrello complied with the citation.
- b. On or about June 5, 2012, the Board issued Citation number CI 2011 52740 against San Diego Hospice Corp. doing business as San Diego Hospice Pharmacy, for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1714(b), for failing to account for 4,950 tablets of hydrocodone/apap 5/500 mg, and ordered payment of a fine in the amount of \$1,500.00. Respondent San Diego Hospice Corp. complied with the citation.

PRAYER

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 Pharmacist License Number 36880, issued to Rosene Dobnick Pirrello, RPH;
- Revoking or suspending Retail Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 37157 (formerly HSP 37157), issued to San Diego Hospice Corp. doing business as San Diego Hospice Pharmacy;
- 3. Revoking or suspending Sterile Compounding License Number LSC 99299, issued to San Diego Hospice Corp. doing business as San Diego Hospice Pharmacy;
- 4. Ordering Respondents 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;

1	5. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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4	DATED: 2/6/14 VIRGINIA HEROLD
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