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

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Case No. 4725

# ROBERT ANTHONY GOVERNSKI

P.O. Box 501 Telluride, CO 81435

Pharmacist License No. RPH 47933

Respondent.

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and 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 August 11, 2014.

It is so ORDERED on August 6, 2014.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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15	Pharmacist License No. RPH 47933	LICENSE AND ORDER
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19	entitled proceedings that the following matters a	•
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24	D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of Calif	orma, by Stephame Alamo-Laui, Deputy
25	Attorney General.	1 (0) 1
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26	and has chosen not to exercise his right to be rep	resented by counsel.
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3. On or about April 14, 1995, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License No. RPH 47933 to Robert Anthony Governski ("Respondent"). The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4725 and will expire on February 28, 2015, unless renewed.

### **JURISDICTION**

4. Accusation No. 4725 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 October 11, 2013. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 4725 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

# **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

- Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 4725. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his 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 his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his 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.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 4725, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders his Pharmacist License No. RPH 47933 for the Board's formal acceptance.

9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Pharmacist License without further process.

# **CONTINGENCY**

- 10. 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 surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his 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 Surrender 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.
- 11. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF), facsimile and/or electronic copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including Portable Document Format (PDF), facsimile and/or electronic signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 12. This Stipulated Surrender of License and 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 Surrender of License and 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.
- 13. 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 Order:

#### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacist License No. RPH 47933, issued to Respondent Robert Anthony Governski, is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Pharmacy.

- 1. The surrender of Respondent's Pharmacist License and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board of Pharmacy.
- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Pharmacist in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall relinquish his wall license and pocket renewal license to the Board within ten (10) days of the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. Respondent understands and agrees that if he ever applies for licensure or petitions for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondent may not apply for any license, permit or registration from the Board for three (3) years from the effective date of the Board of Pharmacy's Decision and Order. Respondent stipulates that should he apply for any license from the Board on or after the effective date of this Decision, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation, No. 4817 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application. Respondent shall satisfy all requirements applicable to that license as of the date the application is submitted to the board, including, but not limited to taking and passing the California Pharmacist Licensure Examination prior to the issuance of a new license. Respondent is required to report this surrender as disciplinary action.
- 5. Respondent stipulates that should be apply for any license from the Board on or after the effective date of this Decision, the investigation and prosecution costs in the amount of \$3,485 shall be paid to the Board prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 4725

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10	BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
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13	ROBERT ANTHONY GOVERNSKI P.O. Box 501
14	Telluride, CO 81435 A C C U S A T I O N
15	Pharmacist License No. RPH 47933
16	Respondent.
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18	Virginia Herold ("Complainant") alleges:
. 19	<u>PARTIES</u>
20	1. Complainant brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive
21	Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.
22	2. On or about April 14, 1995, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License
23	Number RPH 47933 to Robert Anthony Governski ("Respondent"). The Pharmacist License was
. 24	in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on
25	February 28, 2015, unless renewed.
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3. 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.

- 4. Code section 4300 states, in pertinent part, that every license issued may be suspended or revoked.
  - 5. Code section 4300.1 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."

- 6. Code section 4301 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:
- "(n) The revocation, suspension, or other discipline by another state of a license to practice pharmacy, operate a pharmacy, or do any other act for which a license is required by this chapter."

#### COST RECOVERY

7. Code section 125.3 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.

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# CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Discipline by State of Colorado)

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8. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 4301, subdivision (n), in that Respondent's license was disciplined by the State of Colorado. The circumstances are as follows:

a. On or about December 16, 2009, by Stipulation and Final Agency Order (Case No. 2010-000241), Respondent's Colorado Pharmacist License was disciplined for failing to comply with the Board's Peer Health Assistance Diversion Program which Respondent had previously entered on March 11, 2009. Respondent had been placed in the Peer Health Assistance Diversion Program for his convictions for driving while impaired in 1992, 1999, and 2008. The Stipulation and Final Agency Order (Case No. 2010-000241) placed Respondent's Colorado Pharmacist License on five years probation, with terms and conditions including becoming compliant with his contract with the Board's Peer Health Assistance Diversion Program. A true and correct copy of the Stipulation and Final Agency Order (Case No. 2010-000241) is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.

b. Effective June 8, 2011, by Stipulation and Final Agency Order (Case No. 2011-1334), Respondent's Colorado Pharmacist License was suspended. The suspension resulted from Respondent's repeated noncompliance with the terms of the Colorado Final Agency Order (Case No. 2010-000241), dated December 16, 2009. The suspension is effective until Respondent enters another rehabilitation program, remains in compliance, and is released to practice by the recovery program. A true and correct copy of the Stipulation and Final Agency Order (Case No. 2011-1334) is attached as Exhibit B and incorporated herein.

#### 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 RPH 47933, issued to Robert Anthony Governski.;

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### BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

# STATE OF COLORADO

CASE NO. 2010-000241

# STIPULATION FOR INTERIM CESSATION OF PRACTICE

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS REGARDING THE LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS A PHARMACIST IN THE STATE OF COLORADO OF ROBERT A. GOVERNSKI, RPH, LICENSE NO. PHA-14225,

#### RESPONDENT.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED and agreed by and between the State Board of Pharmacy ("Board") and Robert A. Governski, RPH ("Respondent") as follows:

- 1. Respondent was licensed to practice as a pharmacist in the State of Colorado on October 31, 1994, and has been licensed as a pharmacist at all times relevant to this case.
- 2. The Board has jurisdiction over the person of Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.
- 3. On June 25, 2010, the Board reviewed case number 2010-000241 and subsequently concluded that Respondent may not be able to practice as a pharmacist with reasonable skill and safety to patients.
- 4. The parties agree that disciplinary proceedings are stayed until the Board determines what additional information is needed and what additional action, if any, is warranted.
- 5. Respondent agrees that he will not engage in the practice of pharmacy in the State of Colorado as defined in CRS §12-22-102(26) while this Stipulation is in effect.
- 6. This Stipulation shall remain in effect until such time as Respondent complies with all requests from the Pharmacy Peer Health Assistance Diversion Program and the Board allows Respondent to return to the practice of pharmacy.
- 7. The Board agrees to make a final determination as to what action it will take against Respondent's license during the ordinary course of business at a regularly scheduled meeting after such time as Respondent has complied with all requests from the Pharmacy Peer Health Assistance Diversion Program and the Board has allowed Respondent to return to the practice of pharmacy.
- 8. The Board agrees that it will not institute summary suspension or other disciplinary proceedings during the time this Stipulation is in effect, so long as Respondent remains in compliance with this Stipulation and so long as the Board does not learn of substantially new

information that would indicate that summary suspension or other disciplinary action is immediately warranted.

- 9. All expenses incurred in fulfilling the terms of this Stipulation shall be borne by Respondent.
- 10. Nothing in this Stipulation shall constitute disciplinary action or a finding that Respondent has engaged in substandard practice. The Board has made no final determinations regarding Respondent's professional competency or professional conduct. Nothing in this Stipulation shall constitute a "final action" as defined in §24-4-102(1), C.R.S.
- 11. Nothing in this Stipulation shall preclude the Board from initiating disciplinary action pursuant to §12-22-125, C.R.S. or from issuing a Final Agency Order even while this Stipulation is in effect. If Respondent is deemed safe and capable of practicing as a pharmacist without harm to the public by an approved evaluator, the Board may still pursue disciplinary proceedings for the alleged violations of the Pharmaceuticals and Pharmacists Act and Board rules in the present case.
- 12. This Stipulation and all its terms and conditions constitute a valid Board order for purposes of §§12-22-125(1)(m) and 12-22-125.2(4), C.R.S. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that any violation of this Stipulation shall constitute a willful violation of a lawful Board order, may be sanctioned as provided under §12-22-125.2(4), C.R.S. and may be sufficient grounds for additional discipline, including but not limited to revocation of his pharmacy license.
- 13. Both parties acknowledge that they understand the legal consequences of this Stipulation. Both parties enter into this Stipulation voluntarily, and agree that no term or condition of this Stipulation is unconscionable.
- 14. Respondent understands that he has the right to be represented by counsel of his choice in this matter.
- 15. Invalidation of any portion of this Stipulation by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions, which provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 16. This Stipulation shall become effective when accepted and signed on behalf of the Board.
- 17. This Stipulation shall constitute a public record at all times in the custody of the Board.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED BY:

Respondent

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Robert A. Governski

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the County of SAN Migue State of Colorado, this 29th day of June 2010, by Robert A. Governski, RPH.

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My Commission expires:

ELIZABETH R CARR Notary Public State of Colorado

My Commission Expires May 24, 2014

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State Board of Pharmacy

BY: WENDY ANDERSON Program Director

### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This is to certify that I have mailed the within STIPULATION FOR INTERIM CESSATION OF PRACTICE upon all parties herein by depositing copies of same in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, at Denver, Colorado, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010, addressed as follows:

Robert A. Governski, RPH
P.O. Box 501
Telluride, CO 81435
(Via Email: bobbygski@hotmail.com)

Raul N. Rodriquez, Esq.
(Via Email: raulnr@msn.com)

John C. Steele

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Robert A. Governski, RPH P.O. Box 501 Telluride, CO 81435

Raul N. Rodriquez, Esq. 1011 Pennsylvania St., Unit B Denver, CO 80203

Agent of the Board

# BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

### STATE OF COLORADO

Case No. 2010-000241

#### STIPULATION AND FINAL AGENCY ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS REGARDING THE LICENSE TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE STATE OF COLORADO OF ROBERT A. GOVERNSKI, RPH, LICENSE NO. PHA-14225,

.Respondent.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the Colorado State Board of Pharmacy ("Board") and Robert A. Governski, RPH ("Respondent") to resolve all matters pertaining to Board Case Number 2010-000241, as follows:

#### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent, his license to practice pharmacy, and the subject matter of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order ("Final Agency Order") pursuant to the provisions of the Pharmaceuticals and Pharmacists Act at Title 12, Article 22, C.R.S.
- 2. Respondent was originally licensed to practice as a pharmacist in the State of Colorado on October 31, 1994, being issued license number PHA-14225, and has been so licensed at all times relevant to this disciplinary action.
- 3. Respondent admits these findings and hereby waives any further proof in this proceeding before the Board regarding the following facts.
- 4. Respondent pled guilty to separate DWAI convictions in 1992, 1999, and 2008.
- 5. Respondent was accepted into the Diversion Program of Peer Assistance Services on March 11, 2009, but failed to comply with the terms of the Rehabilitation Contract. He was therefore reported to the Board by name on July 8, 2009.
- 6. Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, constitutes violations of the following sections of the Colorado Revised Statutes and Board Rules:

# Colorado Revised Statutes

# 12-22-125. Unprofessional conduct - grounds for discipline.

- (1) The board may suspend, revoke, refuse to renew, or otherwise discipline any license or registration issued by it, after a hearing held in accordance with the provisions of this section, upon proof that the licensee or registrant:
- (c) Has violated:
  - (I) Any of the provisions of this part 1, including but not limited to any acts in section 12-22-126;
  - (II) The lawful rules of the board; or
  - (III) Any state or federal law pertaining to drugs;
- (d) Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits, or physical or mental illness, or for any other cause, to practice as such; and
- (e) Is addicted to, dependent on, or engages in the habitual or excessive use or abuse of intoxicating liquors, a habit-forming drug, or a controlled substance, as defined in section 18-18-102 (5), C.R.S.

# Pharmacy Board Rules and Regulations

- 1.00.21 Violation of Board Orders or Negotiated Stipulations or Diversion Program Contracts. It shall be considered unprofessional conduct for a Colorado-licensed pharmacist or intern to violate a lawful Board order or negotiated stipulation issued in result of a formal complaint against the licensee or to violate a peer health assistance diversion program contract entered into pursuant to Rules 18.02.11 and 18.02.18.
- 7. The Board finds and concludes, and Respondent agrees, that based upon Respondent's above-described violations of the Pharmaceuticals and Pharmacists Act and relevant rules and regulations, the following discipline is just and appropriate under the circumstances.

# DISPOSITION

# 5 Years Probation / Peer Assistance Services / Restricted Practice / Examination Requirements / Reporting Requirements

8. <u>Probation.</u> Respondent's license shall be placed on probation for a period of five (5) years. Credit toward satisfying the period of probation shall be given only during such periods of time that Respondent is in total compliance with <u>all</u> provisions of this Final Agency Order.

The prescribed period of probation shall not run during any period of time where:

- a. Respondent is not employed a minimum of eighty (80) hours per month, engaged in the practice of pharmacy in the State of Colorado;
- b. Respondent is not actively participating in a Board approved Peer Health Assistance Diversion Program as set forth below in paragraph 9 of this Final Agency Order; and
- c. Respondent is not otherwise in full compliance with the terms of this Final Agency Order.

# 9. <u>Mandatory Participation and Satisfactory Completion of a Board-Approved Peer Health Assistance Diversion Program.</u>

- a. <u>Contract</u>. As a term of this Final Agency Order and Respondent's probationary status, Respondent shall forthwith enter into, and as a condition of his release from probation successfully complete, a contract with Peer Assistance Services ("PAS") or an alternative treatment program approved by the Board.
- b. <u>Urine/Blood Screens</u>. Respondent shall submit to full panel urine or blood tests during participation in the PAS or Board-approved alternative program contract, as ordered by the Board, Respondent's employer, or Respondent's treatment program monitor, at a frequency determined by the Rehabilitation Evaluation Committee ("REC"). All screens or tests shall be administered and monitored by approved program personnel. A missed urine screen or blood test shall be presumed positive for prohibited substances. Use or ingestion of poppy seeds or hemp oil shall not excuse a positive urine screen or blood test. Respondent must submit satisfactory verified test results for all random urine screening or blood testing conducted as part of Respondent's treatment program with Respondent's application for discharge of the probation period.
- Other Requirements. Respondent shall comply fully and in a timely manner with all requirements, recommendations and directions of the treatment program, as

administered by PAS or Board-approved alternative treatment program, and the REC. Requirements, recommendations, and directions may include:

- i. Submission by Respondent to such examinations as the REC may deem appropriate to determine Respondent's physical or mental condition or Respondent's professional qualifications, (the parameters of any such examination shall be specified to the extent possible to pinpoint the underlying condition for which the examination is being required);
- ii. The taking by Respondent of such therapy courses of training or education as may be needed to correct deficiencies found by such examination;
- iii. The review or supervision of Respondent's pharmacy practice as may be necessary to determine the quality of Respondent's practice and to correct deficiencies therein; and
- iv. The imposition of restrictions upon the nature of Respondent's practice to assure that Respondent does not practice beyond the limits of his capabilities.
- d. Releases. Respondent hereby waives any right or claim of confidentiality to any information, test results or other data pertaining to Respondent's treatment progress, or lack thereof, with PAS and/or the Board-approved alternative treatment program, and will execute a Release authorizing PAS or the Board-approved alternative treatment program to release any and all information pertaining to Respondent's case to the Board upon its request. Respondent shall keep all releases current and in effect.
- e. Completion of Program. If Respondent satisfactorily completes the treatment program, verification to the Board, by PAS or the Board-approved alternative treatment program, of the satisfactory completion of treatment shall be deemed sufficient, and the requirements set out herein shall be deemed satisfied, unless other information is reasonably required by the Board to verify Respondent's satisfactory completion of treatment. It is Respondent's responsibility to ensure that PAS or the Board-approved alternative treatment program submits verification to the Board of satisfactory completion of treatment.
- f. Withdrawal from Program. Respondent must immediately notify the Board in writing if Respondent withdraws from, is removed from, is terminated from, or otherwise fails to participate fully and satisfactorily in Respondent's treatment program.
- 10. Restricted Practice. Upon commencement of Respondent's probation pursuant to this Final Agency Order and during the entire probationary period, Respondent shall

not, at any Colorado outlet, serve as (a) manager, (b) supervisor, (c) consultant pharmacist, or (d) preceptor.

- 11. MPJE Examination. Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Final Agency Order, Respondent shall take and pass the Board's jurisprudence examination. Failure to take and pass such exam within the prescribed time shall be sufficient evidence for the Board to conclude that Respondent is not qualified to practice pharmacy.
- 12. Continuing Education Ethics Course. Within one (1) year of the effective date of this Final Agency Order, Respondent shall take and pass the Professional and Problem Based Ethics ("ProBE") Course. Information and enrollment procedures for the ProBE Course appear on-line at <a href="https://www.cpepdoc.org/probe.html">www.cpepdoc.org/probe.html</a>. Respondent shall send the Board proof of completion of the ProBE Course within ten (10) days of successful completion of the course.
- 13. Required Notices. Upon commencement of Respondent's probation pursuant to this Final Agency Order and during the entire probationary period, within three (3) days of commencing or changing location of any employment requiring a pharmacist license, Respondent shall notify the Board, using the form provided by the Board, of:
  - a. the name and address of each place where Respondent is employed or engaged as a pharmacist; and
  - b. the name, address and license number of each pharmacist manager and immediate supervisor at the new location.

Respondent must comply with the provisions of this paragraph with respect to each individual location where Respondent performs duties requiring licensure as a pharmacist, whether or not Respondent is placed at or assigned to that location by a district office, employment placement agency, or any other entity by whom Respondent is employed.

14. Required Disclosures. Upon commencement of Respondent's probation pursuant to this Final Agency Order and during the entire probationary period, prior to accepting employment or changing location of any employment which requires a pharmacist license, Respondent shall provide a complete copy of this Final Agency Order, consisting of ten (10) pages, to each pharmacist manager and immediate supervisor at each location at which Respondent intends to practice pharmacy during the five-year probation period. Respondent must comply with the provisions of this paragraph with respect to each individual location where Respondent performs duties requiring licensure as a pharmacist, whether or not Respondent is placed at or assigned to that location by a district office.

employment placement agency, or any other entity by whom Respondent is employed.

- 15. Manager/Supervisor Reports. Upon commencement of Respondent's probation pursuant to this Final Agency Order and during the entire probationary period, within thirty (30) days after Respondent accepts employment or changes location of any employment as a pharmacist in the state of Colorado, each pharmacist manager and immediate supervisor shall submit a written report using the forms provided by the Board, setting forth:
  - a. The name and address of the employer of Respondent and the name of the pharmacist manager and immediate supervisor;
  - b. The duties and responsibilities to be carried out by Respondent;
  - c. An acknowledgment from Respondent's pharmacist manager and immediate supervisor that he or she has received a complete copy of this Final Agency Order, consisting of ten (10) pages, and that he or she has read and understands its contents, including the nature of the misconduct which forms the basis of this disciplinary action; and
  - d. An affirmative statement that the pharmacist manager and immediate supervisor agree to notify the Board, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of any evidence of a subsequent violation by Respondent of a violation of this Final Agency Order, or of the Colorado Pharmacists and Pharmaceuticals Act, or Board rules and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy.
  - e. If there is a change in management and/or supervision of Respondent where Respondent is employed in the practice of pharmacy, Respondent agrees to provide a complete copy of this Final Agency Order to Respondent's new manager and/or supervisor, immediately upon that new manager or supervisor assuming his or her duties. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Final Agency Order, the new manager or supervisor shall report said receipt to the Board as well as fulfill requirements of paragraphs a through d as indicated above.

It is the responsibility of Respondent to ensure complete compliance with the above-described provisions of the preceding paragraphs a through e. Respondent must comply with the provisions of this paragraph with respect to each individual location where Respondent performs duties requiring licensure as a pharmacist, whether or not Respondent is placed at or assigned to that location by a district office, employment placement agency, or any other entity by whom Respondent is employed.

16. Quarterly Status Reports. Upon the commencement of the probationary period required under this Final Agency Order and during the entire probationary period,

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- a. Employer and pharmacy outlet name, address and outlet registration number;
- b. Name and license number of each pharmacist manager and immediate supervisor; and
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Subscribed and sworn to before me in the County of Sin Migue, State of Colorado, this 14th day of Samba, 2009 by Robert A. Governski, RPH.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF COLORADO

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My commission expires: (4 10 2010)

# FINAL AGENCY ORDER

WHEREFORE, the within Stipulation and Final Agency Order is approved, accepted, and hereby made an Order of the Board.

Done and effective this 10th day of December 2009.

State Board of Pharmacy

Wendy Anders

Program Director

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# BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY STATE OF COLORADO

Case No. 2011-1334

ORDER PURSUANT TO FINAL AGENCY ORDER OF DECEMBER 16, 2009 AND SECTION 12-22-605(3), C.R.S.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS REGARDING THE LICENSE TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE STATE OF COLORADO OF ROBERT A. GOVERNSKI, R.PH., LICENSE NO. 14225,

Respondent.

# TO: Robert A. Governski, R.Ph.

THIS MATTER having been reviewed by the Colorado State Board of Pharmacy ("Board") during a meeting on October 21, 2010, the Board states that:

- 1. Robert A. Governski, hereinafter "Respondent," was licensed as a pharmacist in the State of Colorado, having been issued license #14225 on or about October 31, 1994, and has been so licensed at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent, his license to practice pharmacy, and the subject matter of this proceeding and the Notice of Charges pursuant to the provisions of §§12-22-101, et seq., C.R.S., otherwise known as the Pharmaceuticals and Pharmacists Act.
- 3. On December 16, 2009, Respondent entered into a probationary Stipulation and Final Agency Order with the Board ("2009 FAO"), which placed Respondent on a five-year probation.
- 4. The 2009 FAO directed Respondent to immediately enter into, and as a condition of his release from probation successfully complete, a contract with the Board's Pharmacy Peer Health Assistance Diversion Program ("Diversion Program") or alternative treatment program approved by the Board.
- 5. In the 2009 FAO, Respondent was ordered to submit to full panel urine or blood tests during his participation in the Diversion Program, and to "submit satisfactory verified test results for all random urine screening or blood testing conducted as part of Respondent's treatment program..."

- 6. On or around May 12, 2010, as a result of numerous dilute and/or missed urines screens, the Diversion Program directed Respondent to complete a three-and-one-half day multidisciplinary residential comprehensive diagnostic assessment at the Center for Dependency, Addiction and Rehabilitation at the University of Colorado's Hospital Anschutz Medical Campus ("CeDAR Evaluation").
- 7. Respondent obtained the CeDAR Evaluation on May 25 through 28, 2010 through an assessment team of four evaluators.
- 8. The report generated as a result of the CeDAR Evaluation ("CeDAR Evaluation Report") dated June 11, 2010 recommended that Respondent enter a ninety-day inpatient residential treatment program for "opioid dependence issues" and thereafter the he should participate in "continuing care." The CeDAR Evaluation Report further indicated that "[t]he assessment team's recommendation is that [Respondent] does not return to employment until all recommendations are followed and he is cleared by treatment of choice..."
- 9. In a letter dated June 11, 2010 from the Diversion Program Treatment Provider to Board staff, Respondent's Diversion Program Treatment Provider stated: "Based on the results of the multidisciplinary residential comprehensive assessment completed by CeDAR, I cannot assure the Board the [Respondent] is able to practice pharmacy with reasonable skill and safety." Respondent's Diversion Program Treatment Provider recommended the following based on the CeDAR Evaluation:
  - a. The issuance of an Interim Cessation of Practice Stipulation.
  - b. Follow treatment recommendations provided by CeDAR (i.e. 90-day inpatient residential treatment program for opioid dependence issues and continuing care upon completion).
  - c. After completion of 90-day treatment program, enter and complete a 6-to-8 week intensive outpatient program followed by 52 weeks of continuing care.
  - d. Individual therapy. .
  - e. Not to return to practice until all recommendations are followed and Respondent is cleared to return to practice by the Diversion Program, the REC, and/or the Board.
- 10. On or around June 14, 2010, Respondent's Diversion Program Treatment Provider hard-copy mailed and e-mailed copies of a "Notice of Modification to Colorado Pharmacy Peer Health Assistance Program Contract," which set forth amendments to Respondent's Diversion Program Contract ("Contract Addendum"), as set forth in b through e of the above paragraph, to Respondent and his attorney. In the June 14, 2010 mailings, the Diversion Program Treatment Provider notified Respondent that he was required to do the following:
  - a. respond by signing the Contract Addendum and returning it to her no later than June 17, 2010;

- b. select from one of three 90-day residential treatment program providers listed in the letter and contact the Diversion Program Treatment Provider within twenty-four hours of his scheduled admission into one of them;
- e. participate in individual therapy;
- d. execute a consent for release of information and directed to return it 5 days prior to Respondent's admission for treatment; and
- e. sign a "Voluntary Cease Practice" form and return it upon receipt.
- 11. As of June 21, 2010, Respondent had not:
  - a. signed and returned the Contract Addendum to the Diversion Program Treatment Provider;
  - contacted the Diversion Program Treatment Provider to notify her of his admission into a 90day treatment program;
  - c. signed and returned the consent for release of information form;
  - d. signed and returned the Voluntary Cease Practice form.
- 12. On June 22, 2010, the Board reviewed Respondent's case and voted to order Respondent to comply with the directives set forth in the June 14, 2010 mailings. The Board specifically ordered Respondent to do the following:
  - a. enroll in one of the 90-day inpatient residential treatment programs listed in the June 14, 2010 mailings by the close of business on June 25, 2010, and thereafter to remain compliant with all requirements of the program until its completion;
  - b. enter and complete a 6-to-8 week intensive outpatient program ("IOP") followed by 52 weeks of continuing care after completion of the 90-day residential treatment program;
  - c. attend individual psychotherapy sessions with a Diversion Program-approved treatment provider (frequency to be determined upon completion of IOP);
  - d. not to return to practice until all recommendations are followed and Respondent is cleared to return to practice by the Diversion Program, the REC, and/or the Board;
  - e. appear for all appointments with the Diversion Program, to provide any information requested by the Diversion Program, to schedule timely appointments as requested or recommended by the Diversion Program, and to otherwise cooperate fully with the Diversion Program,

- including promptly scheduling and completing any other assessments that the Diversion Program may require; and
- f. to continue thereafter to fully cooperate with the Diversion Program in a timely manner and to comply with any and all requests or recommendations the Diversion Program deems-appropriate to facilitate any and all examinations necessary to determine if Respondent is able to practice pharmacy with reasonable skill and safety because of a condition or conditions described in §§12-22-125(1)(d) and/or (e), C.R.S.
- 13. As of the close of business on June 25, 2010, Respondent had not enrolled in one of the 90-day inpatient residential treatment programs listed in the June 14, 2010 mailings.
- 14. On June 25, 2010, the Board determined that Respondent might not be safe to practice and voted to summarily suspend Respondent's license in the event he did not voluntarily enter into an Interim Cessation of Practice agreement by the close of business on June 29, 2010.
- 15. Respondent entered a Stipulation for Interim Cessation of Practice ("Interim Stipulation") on or around June 30, 2010.
- 16. Respondent subsequently remained noncompliant with his Diversion Program Contract and as a result was terminated from the Diversion Program for noncompliance on September 23, 2010.
- 17. The Interim Stipulation does not relieve Respondent of his duties to otherwise remain in complete compliance with the 2009 FAO and his Diversion Program Contract. The Interim Stipulation specifically states the following in paragraph 12:
  - Respondent acknowledges and agrees that any violation of this Stipulation shall constitute a willful violation of a lawful Board order, may be sanctioned as provided under §12-22-125.2(4), C.R.S. and may be sufficient grounds for additional discipline, including but not limited to revocation of his pharmacy license.
- 18. On October 21, 2010, the Board reviewed Respondent's case and determined that Respondent's noncompliance with his Diversion Program Contract, and subsequent termination from the Diversion Program, are in violation of the 2009 FAO and subsequent Board orders, notwithstanding Respondent's agreement to cease practicing pharmacy under the Interim Stipulation. Thus, the Board voted to order Respondent back into the Diversion Program in order to avoid further disciplinary proceedings against Respondent's license as a result of said violations.

#### ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Board hereby ORDERS Respondent to obtain an evaluation pursuant to the 2009 FAO, and §12-22-605(3), C.R.S., re-enter into a contract with the Diversion Program, and thereafter remain in complete compliance with that contract.

IN ORDER to avoid summary suspension of Respondent's license pursuant to the 2009 FAO. the Interim Stipulation and/or §12-22-605(3), C.R.S. and comply with this Order, Respondent must do the following:

- 1. Respondent is ORDERED to forthwith contact the Diversion Program and schedule an appointment. Such appointment shall occur within forty-five (45) days of the issuance of this Order.
- 2. Respondent is further ORDERED to appear for all appointments with the Diversion Program, to provide any information requested by the Diversion Program, to schedule timely appointments as requested or recommended by the Diversion Program, and to otherwise cooperate fully with the Diversion Program, including promptly scheduling and completing any other assessments that the Diversion Program may require.
- 3. Respondent is further ORDERED to continue thereafter to fully cooperate with the Diversion Program in a timely manner and to comply fully with any and all requests or recommendations the Diversion Program deems appropriate, including entering into a contract with the Diversion Program and complying fully with that contract.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH, AND/OR VIOLATION OF, ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3 IN THIS ORDER SHALL BE CONSIDERED VIOLATION OF LAWFUL BOARD ORDERS, SUBJECTING RESPONDENT'S PHARMACIST LICENSE TO SUSPENSION PURSUANT TO §12-22-125.2(4), C.R.S., AND/OR §12-22-605(3), C.R.S. AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY STATED HEREIN, ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF RESPONDENT'S 2009 FAO AND PROBATION REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

DONE AND EFFECTIVE this 39 day of Christian 2010.

State Board of Pharmacy

Program Director

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that I have duly served the within ORDER PURSUANT TO FINAL AGENCY ORDER OF DECEMBER 16, 2009 AND SECTION 12-22-605(3), C.R.S. upon all parties herein by depositing copies of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, at Denver, Colorado this 26th day of Other 2010, addressed as follows:

Robert A. Governski, R.Ph. PO Box 501 Telluride, CO 81435

Raul N. Rodriguez, Esq. 1011 Pennsylvania St, Unit B Denver, CO 80203

Rebecca Heck Alternative Program Manager Peer Assistance Services, Inc. 2170 South Parker Road, #229 Denver, Colorado 80231

and via interagency mail to:

Joanna Lee Kaye Assistant Attorney General

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# BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY STATE OF COLORADO

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STIPULATION AND FINAL AGENCY ORDER

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS REGARDING THE LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS A PHARMACIST IN THE STATE OF COLORADO OF ROBERT A. GOVERNSKI, RPH, LICENSE NO. PHA-14225,

#### RESPONDENT.

IT IS HERCHY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the Colorado State Board of Pharmacy ("Board") and Robert A. Governski, RPH ("Respondent") to resolve all matters pertaining to Board Case Number 2011-1334, as follows:

- Respondent was licensed to practice as a pharmagist in the State of Colorado on Outober 31. 1994, and has been licensed as a pharmacist at all times relevant to this case.
- 2. The Board has jurisdiction over the person of Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.
- Respondent hereby admits that the following facts are true and waives any further proof of said facts in this or any other proceeding before or initiated by the Board.
- 4. Effective December 16, 2009, Respondent entered into a Stipulation and Final Agency Order with the Board ("2009 FAO") in which Respondent was ordered to become compliant with his contract with the Board's Peer Health Assistance Diversion Program ("PAS") which Respondent had previously entered on March 11, 2009 ("PAS Contract").
- 5. On June 22, 2010, the Board reviewed reports from PAS that us of June 21, 2010, Respondent had been repeatedly out of compliance with his PAS Contract and therefore with the 2009 FAO. The Board subsequently entered an Order in Board case number 2010-0241, ardering Respondent to come into compliance with the following directives in order to avoid summary suspension of his pharmacist license:
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#### Colorado Révised Statutes

#### 12-22-125. Unprofessional conduct - grounds for discipline.

- (1) The heard may suspend, revoke, refuse to tenew, or otherwise discipline any license or registration issued by it, after a hearing held in accordance with the provisions of this section, upon proof that the licensec or registrant:
- ...(c) Flas violated:
  - (I) Any of the provisions of this part 1, including but not limited to any acts in section 12-22-126;
  - (II) The lawful rules of the board; or
  - (iii) Any state or federal law pertaining to drugs.
- (d) is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits, or physical or mental illness, or for any other cause, to practice as such...
- (e) Is addicted to, dependent on, or engages in the habitual or excessive use or abuse of intoxicating liquors, a habit-forming drug, or a controlled substance, as defined in section 18-18-102 (5), C.R.S.;
- ...(m) Has violated any lawful board order ...
- 12-22-135.2. Disciplinary actions. (i) The board may deay or discipline an applicant, licensee, or registrant when the board determines that such applicant, licensee, or registrant has engaged in activities that are grounds for discipline.

#### 12-22-605. Eligibility - participants.

...(3) Notwithstending the provisions of this section, the board may summarily suspend the license of any licensee who is referred to a peer health assistance program by the board and who fails to attend or to complete such program. The board shall thereupon schedule a hearing on such suspension which shall be conducted in accordance with section 24-4-105, C.R.S.

#### Pharmacy Board Rules and Regulations

1.00.21 Violation of Board Orders or Negotiated Stipulations or Diversion Program Contracts. It shall be considered unprofessional conduct for a Colorado-licensed pharmacist or Intern to violate a lawful Board order or negotiated stipulation issued in result of a formal complaint against the licensee or to violate a peer health assistance diversion program contract entered into pursuant to Rules 18.02.11 and 18.02.18.

13. The Board finds and concludes, and Respondent agrees, that based upon Respondent's above-described violations of the Pharmaceuticals and Pharmacists Act and relevant rules and regulations, the following discipline is just and appropriate under the circumstances.

#### DISPOSITION

Suspension Pending Re-entry into PAS Contract, Complete PAS Compliance, Release by PAS to Return to Work, and Entry into Subsequent Probationary Stipulation with Board

- 14. <u>Suspension</u>. Respondent's pharmacist license shall be SUSPENDED upon final execution of this I'lnal Agency Order. Respondent's Hoense shall remain suspended until such time as:
  - a. Respondent enters into another Rehabilitation Contract with the PAS; and
  - b. Respondent remains in complete compliance with the PAS Contract; and
  - c. PAS approves and releases Respondent to return safely to the practice of pharmacy; and
  - d. Respondent enters into another Stipulation and Pinal Agency Order with the Board, and
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#### Terms of Suspension.

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- 16. Agreement to Cease Work in Any Pharmacy Outlet, Wholesale Outlet or Other Pharmacentical Business. Respondent agrees that during his suspension he shall not work in any capacity for any prescription drug outlet, wholesale outlet, other outlet, or any other business requiring licensure or registration in the State of Columnic under the Pharmaceuticals and Pharmacists Act.
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- 24. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Final Agency Order shall become effective upon signature by a Board representative.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED BY:

Respondent

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the County of TXNVCF

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the County of PMVCF, State of Colorado, this 7th day of State of 2011, by Robert A. Governski, R.Ph.

My Commission expires: 3/24/2012 Notary Public

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#### FINAL AGENCY ORDER

WHEREFORE, the within Stipulation and Final Agency Order is approved, accepted, and hereby made an Order of the Board.

State Board of Pharmacy

WENDY ANDERSON

Program Director

DOCUMENT APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN SUTHERS Attorney General

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