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# 2014 JUN - 5 APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF PHARMAGY 45 CHNICIAN LICENSE

PLEASE PRINT IN BLACK OR BLUE INK OR TYPE YOUR RESPONSES				
Name: Barble Waven	Case No. AC 3825			
Address of Record: 3839 W. 64th St				
La, Ca 90043				
Pursuant to the terms and conditions of my probation with the Ca	alifornia State Board of Pharmacy (Board)			
in Case No. Ac 3825, I hereby request to surrer	nder my pharmacy technician license,			
License No. 4203 The Board or its des	signee shall have the discretion whether			
to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deer				
formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, I will no longe	r be subject to the terms and conditions			
of probation. I understand that this surrender constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of				
my license history with the Board.				
Upon the acceptance of the surrender, I shall relinquish my phar				
within ten (10) days of notification by the Board that the surrende				
not reapply for any license, permit, or registration from the board	d for three (3) years from the effective			
date of the surrender. I further understand that I shall meet all requirements applicable to the license				
sought as of the date the application for that license is submitted to the Board.				
PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOU ARE NOT RELIEVED OF TI PROBATION UNLESS THE BOARD NOTIFIES YOU THAT YOU LICENSE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED.	HE REQUIREMENTS OF YOUR OUR REQUEST TO SURRENDER YOUR			
	5/30/14			
Applicant's Signature	Date			
xecutive Officer's Approval	Date 6/9/14			

All items on this application are mandatory in accordance with your probationary order and the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines as authorized by Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 1760. Failure to provide any of the requested information or providing unreadable information will result in the application being rejected as incomplete. The information provided on this form will be used to determine eligibility for surrender. The official responsible for information maintenance is the Executive Officer, telephone (916) 574-7900, 1625 N. Market Blvd., Suite N-219, Sacramento, CA 95634. The information you provide may also be disclosed in the following circumstances: (1) in response to a Public Records Act request; (2) to another government agency as required by state or federal law; or, (3) in response to a court or administrative order, a subpoena, or a search warrant. Each individual has the right to review the files or records maintained on them by our agency, unless the records are identified as confidential information and exempted by Section 1798.40 of the Civil Code.

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 3825

BARBIE L. WARREN 3871 Don Tomaso Drive #7 Los Angeles, CA 90008 OAH Case No. L-2011060301

Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 40903

Respondent.

### **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 March 16, 2012.

It is so ORDERED on February 15, 2012.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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12	3871 Don Tomaso Drive, #7	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
13	Los Angeles, CA 90008 Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH	DISCIPLINARY ORDER
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19	entitled proceedings that the following matters a	re true:
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22	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) is the	Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy.
23	She brought this action solely in her official capa	acity and is represented in this matter by Kamala
. 24	D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of Calif	ornia, by Langston M. Edwards, Deputy Attorney
25	General.	
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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (3825)

2. Respondent Barbie L. Warren (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Jennille Smith, Esq., whose address is:

1300 Clay St., Ste. 600

Oakland, CA 94612

3. On or about December 18, 2001, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 40903 to Barbie L. Warren (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in First Amended Accusation No. 3825 and will expire on April 30, 2013, unless renewed.

### **JURISDICTION**

4. First Amended Accusation No. 3825 (Accusation) 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 July 29, 2011. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 3825 is attached as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference.

### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3825. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. 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.

7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

### **CULPABILITY**

- 8. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3825, if proven at hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon her Pharmacy Technician License.
- 9. For the purposes 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.
- 10. Respondent agrees that her Pharmacy Technician Registration 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**

11. 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 or her counsel. 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.

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12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

- 13. 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.
- 14. 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 Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 40903 issued to Respondent Barbie L. Warren (Respondent) is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions.

### 1. Certification Prior to Resuming Work

Respondent shall be automatically suspended from working as a pharmacy technician until she is certified as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4202(a)(4) and provides satisfactory proof of certification to the board. Failure to achieve certification within one (1) year shall be considered a violation of probation. Respondent shall not resume working as a pharmacy technician until notified by the board.

During suspension, respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of any other board licensed premises (wholesaler, veterinary food-animal drug retailer or any other distributor of drugs) any drug manufacturer, or any other location where dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances are maintained. Respondent shall not do any act involving drug selection, selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding or dispensing; nor shall respondent

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manage, administer, or assist any licensee of the board. Respondent shall not have access to or control the ordering, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances. Respondent shall not resume work until notified by the board.

Subject to the above restrictions, respondent may continue to own or hold an interest in any licensed premises by the board in which she holds an interest at the time this decision becomes effective unless otherwise specified in this order.

Failure to comply with this suspension shall be considered a violation of probation.

### 2. 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 Pharmacy Technician 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 any such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 3. 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.

#### 4. 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 at two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the board or its designee during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

### 5. 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.

### 6. Notice to Employers

During the period of probation, respondent shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in case number 3825 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 3825 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 acknowledgement(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 pharmacy of the terms and conditions of the decision in case number 3825 in advance of the respondent commencing work at each pharmacy. A record of this notification must be provided to the board

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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 3825 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 acknowledgements 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 or relief service or pharmacy management service as a pharmacy technician or in any position for which a pharmacy technician license is a requirement or criterion for employment, whether the respondent is considered an employee, independent contractor or volunteer.

#### 7. 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 \$5,500.00. Respondent shall pay \$2,000.00 within 30 days of the effective date of this Decision. The balance of the board's cost of investigation and enforcement (\$3,500.00) are to be paid in installments as agreed upon by the Board. 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.

### 8. 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

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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.

### 9. Status of License

Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current pharmacy technician 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 pharmacy technician 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.

### 10. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension

Following the effective date of this decision, should respondent cease work due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, respondent may tender her pharmacy technician 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 pharmacy technician 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, permit, or registration 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.

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### 11. 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 and 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.

### 12. Tolling of Probation

Except during periods of suspension, respondent shall, at all times while on probation, be employed as a pharmacy technician in California for a minimum of 20 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 working as a pharmacy technician for a minimum of 20 hours per calendar month in California, respondent must notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of cessation of work and must further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of the resumption of the work. 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 work" means calendar month during which respondent is not working for at least 20 hours as a pharmacy technician, as defined in Business and Professions Code section 4115. "Resumption of work" means any calendar month during which respondent is working as a pharmacy technician for at least 20 hours as

.  a pharmacy technician as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4115.

### 13. 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.

## 14. Completion of Probation

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

### 15. 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.

### 16. Attend Substance Abuse Recovery Relapse Prevention and Support Groups

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall begin regular attendance at a recognized and established substance abuse recovery support group in California,

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(e.g., Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, etc.) which has been approved by the board or its designee. Respondent must attend at least one group meeting per week unless otherwise directed by the board or its designee. Respondent shall continue regular attendance and submit signed and dated documentation confirming attendance with each quarterly report for the duration of probation. Failure to attend or submit documentation thereof shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 17. Random Drug Screening

Respondent, at her own expense, shall participate in random testing, including but not limited to biological fluid testing (urine, blood), breathalyzer, hair follicle testing, or other drug screening program as directed by the board or its designee. Respondent may be required to participate in testing for the entire probation period and the frequency of testing will be determined by the board or its designee. At all times respondent shall fully cooperate with the board or its designee, and shall, when directed, submit to such tests and samples for the detection of alcohol, narcotics, hypnotics, dangerous drugs or other controlled substances as the board or its designee may direct. Failure to timely submit to testing as directed shall be considered a violation of probation. Upon request of the board or its designee, respondent shall provide documentation from a licensed practitioner that the prescription for a detected drug was legitimately issued and is a necessary part of the treatment of the respondent. Failure to timely provide such documentation shall be considered a violation of probation. Any confirmed positive test for alcohol or for any drug not lawfully prescribed by a licensed practitioner as part of a documented medical treatment shall be considered a violation of probation and shall result in the automatic suspension of work by respondent. Respondent may not resume work as a pharmacy technician until notified by the board in writing.

During suspension, respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of or any other board licensed premises (wholesaler, veterinary food-animal drug retailer or any other distributor of drugs) any drug manufacturer, or any other location where dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances are maintained. Respondent shall not do any act involving drug selection, selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding or dispensing; nor shall respondent

manage, administer, or assist any licensee of the board. Respondent shall not have access to or control the ordering, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances. Respondent shall not resume work until notified by the board.

Respondent shall not direct, control or perform any aspect of the practice of pharmacy. Subject to the above restrictions, respondent may continue to own or hold an interest in any licensed premises in which she holds an interest at the time this decision becomes effective unless otherwise specified in this order.

Failure to comply with this suspension shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 18. Work Site Monitor

Within ten (10) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall identify a work site monitor, for prior approval by the board, who shall be responsible for supervising respondent during working hours. Respondent shall be responsible for ensuring that the work site monitor reports in writing to the board quarterly. Should the designated work site monitor determine at any time during the probationary period that respondent has not maintained sobriety, she shall notify the board immediately, either orally or in writing as directed. Should respondent change employment, a new work site monitor must be designated, for prior approval by the board, within ten (10) days of commencing new employment. Failure to identify an acceptable initial or replacement work site monitor, or to ensure quarterly reports are submitted to the board, shall be considered a violation of probation.

### 19. Notification of Departure

Prior to leaving the probationary geographic area designated by the board or its designee for a period greater than twenty-four (24) hours, respondent shall notify the board verbally and in writing of the dates of departure and return. Failure to comply with this provision shall be considered a violation of probation.

### 20. Abstain from Drugs and Alcohol Use

Respondent shall completely abstain from the possession or use of alcohol, controlled substances, dangerous drugs and their associated paraphernalia except when the drugs are lawfully prescribed by a licensed practitioner as part of a documented medical treatment. Upon

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request of the board or its designee, respondent shall provide documentation from the licensed practitioner that the prescription for the drug was legitimately issued and is a necessary part of the treatment of the respondent. Failure to timely provide such documentation shall be considered a violation of probation. Respondent shall ensure that she is not in the same physical location as individuals who are using illicit substances even if respondent is not personally ingesting the drugs. Any possession or use of alcohol, controlled substances, or their associated paraphernalia not supported by the documentation timely provided, and/or any physical proximity to persons using illicit substances, shall be considered a violation of probation.

### 21. 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 fifty (50) hours per year for the first two years of 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.

#### ACCIPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Jennille Smith, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Technician Registration. 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.

BARBIB L. WARREN Respondent

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1	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Barbie L. Warren the terms and conditions
2	and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve
3	its form and content.
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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (3825)

### **ENDORSEMENT**

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

December

Dated: November | , 2011

Respectfully submitted,

KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California GLORIA A. BARRIOS

Supervising Deputy Attorney General

LANGSTON M. EDWARDS Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 3825

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20	1. Virginia K. Herold ("Complainant") bri	ngs this Accusation sole	ely in her official
21	capacity as the Executive Officer of the California S	State Board of Pharmacy	/ ("Board").
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23	Number TCH 40903 to Barbie L. Warren ("Respon	dent"). The Pharmacy	Technician
24	Registration was in full force and effect at all times	relevant to the charges	orought herein and
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**JURISDICTION** 

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 118, subdivision (b) provides that the suspension/expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
- 5. Section 4300 provides, in pertinent part, that every license issued by the Board is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.
  - 6. Section 4301 states, in pertinent part:

"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:

(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.
- (h) The administering to oneself ... of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself ... or to any other person or to the public ..."

(l) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred.

The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances or dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this provision.

(p) Actions or conduct that would have warranted denial of a license."

- 7. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may suspend or revoke a license when it finds that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of the license.
- 8. Section 4060 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that no person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished upon a valid prescription/drug order.
- 9. Section 4063 states, in pertinent part, that "[n]o prescription for any dangerous drug ... may be refilled except upon authorization of the prescriber."
  - 10. Section 480 states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) A board may deny a license regulated by this code on the grounds that the applicant has one of the following:
- (1) Been convicted of a crime. A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action which a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.
- (2) Done any act involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself or another, or substantially injure another; or

(3) Done any act which if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.

### OTHER STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 11. Health and Safety Code section 11150 provides, in pertinent part, that no person other than an authorized prescriber shall write or issue a prescription.
- 12. Health and Safety Code section 11157 states, in pertinent part, that "[n]o person shall issue a prescription that is false or fictitious in any respect."
- 13. Health and Safety Code section 11170 states, in pertinent part, that "[n]o person shall prescribe, administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself."
  - 14. Health and Safety Code section 11173 states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or (2) by the concealment of a material fact.
- (b) No person shall make a false statement in any prescription, order, report, or record, required by this division.
- (c) No person shall, for the purpose of obtaining controlled substances, falsely assume the title of, or represent himself to be, a manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacist, physician, dentist, veterinarian, registered nurse, physician's assistant, or other authorized person."
- 15. Health and Safety Code section 11175 makes it unlawful for any person to obtain or possess a prescription that does not comply with the Uniform Controlled Substances Act [Health & Safety Code, § 11000 et seq.], to obtain a controlled substance by means of such non-compliant prescription, or to possess a controlled substance obtained by such a prescription.

### DRUG DEFINITIONS

16. Norco and Vicodin ES are among the brand names for compounds of varying dosages of acetaminophen (aka APAP) and hydrocodone, a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11056(e)(4) and a dangerous drug per Business and

Professions Code section 4022.

- 17. Oxycodone is a Schedule II controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11055(b)(1)(N) and a dangerous drug per Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- 18. <u>Marijuana</u> is a Schedule I controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11054(d)(13) and a dangerous drug per Business and Professions Code section 4022.

### REGULATORY PROVISIONS

19. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, states:

"For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or registrant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensee or registrant to perform the functions authorized by his license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

### COST RECOVERY

20. 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.

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

21. During the time period between September 2007 through December 2007 ("relevant time period"), Respondent worked as a Pharmacy Technician at Longs Drugs Store #430 ("Longs"), located at 8900 Sepulveda Westway, Los Angeles, CA 90045 where she had access to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

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refil	l au	thor	izations and process her own prescriptions for Vicodin ES and Norco in violation of
Lon	gs p	olic	y. Specifically, Respondent fraudulently obtained prescription refills by showing
appr	ova	ıls fo	or and falsely representing the authorization for refilling of controlled substances
pres	crip	tion	s that were never actually authorized by the indicated prescriber.

- 23. By this method, Respondent fraudulently created, filled, and acquired for use, at least seven (7) prescriptions, for eight hundred sixty (860) tablets each, of **Vicodin ES** products, and at least seven (7) prescriptions, for one thousand two hundred sixty (1260) tablets each, of **Norco** products, a total of at least 2120 tablets of narcotic controlled substances.
- 24. On January 17, 2008 during an interview with Longs loss prevention personnel,
  Respondent admitted to entering her own prescriptions for fill for several medications.
  Respondent was suspended later that afternoon and officially terminated from Longs on January
  23, 2008, approximately one week later.

### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Commission of Act Involving Dishonesty and Fraud)

25. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301, subdivision (f) in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 11157 and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent engaged in multiple acts of moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption as set forth in paragraphs 21 – 24, above.

### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Falsely Representing Facts)

26. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301, subdivision (g) in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivisions (a) - (c) and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent knowingly made documents that falsely represented the existence of facts as set forth in paragraphs 21 - 24, above.

### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession of Controlled Substances without a Valid Prescription)

27. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code sections 4060 and 4022, in conjunction with Health and Safety Code sections 11056(e)(4), 11150, 11170, 11175 and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent possessed controlled substances without a valid prescription as set forth in paragraphs 21 – 24, above.

### FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Refilled Prescription for a Dangerous Drug without Authorization)

28. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4063, in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 11150 and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent fraudulently obtained prescription refills for dangerous drugs without authorization by the prescriber as set forth in paragraphs 21 - 24, above.

### FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in a Dangerous Manner)

- 29. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301, subdivision (h) in that on or about March 11, 2006, Respondent used alcoholic beverages to an extent or in a manner dangerous our injurious to herself, and the public, when she operated a vehicle while having 0.08% and more, by weight, of alcohol in her blood.
- a. On or about June 6, 2006, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) (driving while having 0.08% and more, by weight, of alcohol in her blood) in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Barbie Warren* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2006, No. 6WA01319). The Court sentenced Respondent to 10 days in Los Angeles County Jail and placed her on summary probation for 60 months, with terms and conditions. The Respondent

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was ordered to complete an alcohol counseling program, pay fines, fees, restitution and obey all laws.

- b. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or around March 11, 2006, Los Angeles Police Officers observed the Respondent's vehicle parked on the sidewalk on the west side of Oakwood Ave. The officers also observed Respondent sitting on the sidewalk, on the east side of Oakwood Ave. When the officers spoke with Respondent she stated that she was struck by another vehicle which caused her vehicle to collide into a power pole. The officers could immediately detect an alcoholic odor on Respondent's breath and observed that her eyes were "bloodshot" and "watery." Respondent had slurred speech and an "unsteady gait." When asked if she had been drinking, Respondent stated that she had not, and that a friend spilled a drink on her shirt earlier in the evening. As result of her accident, Respondent sustained a broken nose, fractured cheek bone and a laceration to her forehead. She was taken to Daniel Freeman Marina Hospital where officers conducted a preliminary alcohol screening test, the results of which showed that Respondent had a blood alcohol concentration of .13%.
- c. On or about July 13, 2005, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 23109, subdivision (c) (engaging in speed contests and exhibitions of speed), a misdemeanor in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Barbie Warren* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2005, No. 5MT04049). The Court sentenced Respondent to complete two years of probation with terms and conditions. Respondent was ordered to pay restitution.
- d. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or around April 21, 2005, Los Angeles Police Officers observed the Respondent operating a vehicle at a high rate of speed (over 50-mph in a 35-mph zone). When an officer stopped the Respondent's vehicle and approached her, the officer could smell "a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her breath." The Respondent's speech was slurred and her eyes were red, bloodshot and watery. The Respondent admitted to drinking Smirnoff Ice, an alcoholic beverage, prior to driving. The Respondent failed to complete a variety of standardized field sobriety tests administered by the

officer and was deemed "unable to safely operate a motor vehicle." A breath test was administered, the results of which showed that Respondent had a blood alcohol content of .09%.

### SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Substantially Related Crimes)

30. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 490 and 4301, subdivision (l), in conjunction with Cal. Code of Regs., title 16, section 1770 in that Respondent was convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensed Pharmacy Technician. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 29 and all subparagraphs inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

### SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession of Controlled Substances)

- 31. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4060 in conjunction with Health and Safety Code Section 11054(d)(13) and Section 11055(b)(1)(N) in that on or about October 17, 2010, Respondent possessed controlled substances without a valid prescription.
- a. On or about February 22, 2011, a Felony Complaint was filed in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Barbie Warren* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2011, No. SA076690), alleging that Respondent unlawfully possessed and purchased for sale, marijuana in violation of Health & Safety Code 11359 [possession for sale] and possessed Oxycontin in violation of Health & Safety Code 11350 [possession of a designated controlled substance].
- b. The underlying circumstances are that on or around October 17, 2010, at approximately 10:48 p.m., Respondent ran a stop sign and was subsequently stopped by two California Highway Patrol Officers. When an officer confronted the Respondent and her passengers, he could detect "the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle." Respondent's passenger admitted to smoking marijuana and produced the butt of a marijuana cigar. The officers then conducted a pat down search of Respondent's passenger, which revealed a bag of marijuana on his person. The officers

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