

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

In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation
Against:

**KERN MEDICAL CENTER DBA KERN
MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUS
PHARMACY
2014 College Street
Bakersfield, CA 93305**

Hospital Pharmacy License No. PHE 44938,

**KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL
AUTHORITY DBA KERN MEDICAL
CENTER CAMPUS PHARMACY
2014 College Street
Bakersfield, CA 93305**

Original Permit No. PHE 54462,

**TARYN ADALE JOLLIFF
PO Box 21681
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Pharmacist License No. RPH 60682,

and

**ANIECE LOUISE AMOS
555 Fairbanks St.
Corona, CA 92879**

Pharmacist License No. RPH 36840

Respondents.

Case No. 5551

OAH NO.: 2016120877

In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation
Against:

**KERN MEDICAL CENTER DBA
SAGEBRUSH MEDICAL PLAZA
PHARMACY**

Case No. 5553

OAH NO.: 2016120883

**1111 Columbus Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93305**

**KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL
AUTHORITY DBA SAGEBRUSH
MEDICAL PLAZA PHARMACY
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Original Permit No. PHE 54461,

**ANGELA MARIE TORRES
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Pharmacist License No. RPH 55644,

and

**ANIECE LOUISE AMOS
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Respondents.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2018.

It is so ORDERED on February 26, 2018.

BOARD OF PHARMACY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



By

Amy Gutierrez, Pharm.D.
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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER FOR PUBLIC
REPROVAL AS TO RESPONDENTS'
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2 Against:

Case No. 5553

3 **KERN MEDICAL CENTER DBA
4 SAGEBRUSH MEDICAL PLAZA
5 PHARMACY**

6 **1111 Columbus Avenue
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8 **Hospital Pharmacy Permit No. PHE 40876,**

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23 **Pharmacist License No. RPH 36840**

24 **Respondents.**

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26 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties¹ to the above-
27 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

28 PARTIES

1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy
(Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by

¹ The parties to this stipulation are the Complainant and Respondents Kern County Hospital Authority dba Kern Medical Center Campus Pharmacy, and Kern County Hospital Authority dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy. All the other parties are not a party to this stipulation.

1 Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Michael A. Cacciotti, Deputy
2 Attorney General.

3 2. Respondents Kern County Hospital Authority dba Kern Medical Center Campus
4 Pharmacy (Respondent KCHA dba KMC Campus Pharmacy) and Kern County Hospital
5 Authority dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy (Respondent KCHA dba Sagebrush Medical
6 Plaza Pharmacy) are represented in this proceeding by attorney Mark B. Connely, whose address
7 is: Mark B. Connely Hall, Heatt & Connely, LLP 1319 Marsh Street, Second Floor San Luis
8 Obispo, CA 93401.

9 JURISDICTION

10 3. On or about August 15, 2000, the Board issued Hospital Pharmacy License No. PHE
11 44938 to Kern Medical Center dba Kern Medical Center Campus Pharmacy, Angel Torres,
12 Pharmacist-In-Charge. The Hospital Pharmacy License was in full force and effect at all times
13 relevant to the charges brought in First Amended Accusation No. 5551 and was cancelled on July
14 1 2016 pursuant to a change of ownership.

15 4. On or about July 1, 2016, the Board issued Original Permit Number No. PHE 54462
16 to Respondent KCHA dba KMC Campus Pharmacy, and the Original Permit Number will expire
17 on November 1, 2017, unless renewed.

18 5. On or about August 18, 1995, the Board issued Hospital Pharmacy Permit No. PHE
19 40876 to Kern Medical Center dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy, Respondent Torres,
20 Pharmacist-In-Charge. The Hospital Pharmacy License was in full force and effect at all times
21 relevant to the charges brought in First Amended Accusation No. 5553 and was cancelled on July
22 1 2016 pursuant to a change of ownership.

23 6. On or about July 1, 2016, the Board issued Original Permit Number No. PHE 54461
24 to Respondent KCHA dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy, and the Original Permit Number
25 will expire on November 1, 2017, unless renewed.

26 7. First Amended Accusations Nos. 5551 and 5553 were filed before the Board and are
27 currently pending against Respondents. The First Amended Accusations and all other statutorily
28 required documents were properly served on Respondents on November 1, 2017. Respondents

1 timely filed their Notice of Defense contesting the First Amended Accusations. A copy of First
2 Amended Accusation Nos. 5551 and 5553 are attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by
3 reference.

4 ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

5 8. Respondents KCHA dba KMC Campus Pharmacy and KCHA dba Sagebrush
6 Medical Plaza Pharmacy have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the
7 charges and allegations in First Amended Accusations Nos. 5551 and 5553. Respondents KCHA
8 dba KMC Campus Pharmacy and KCHA dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy have also
9 carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the effects of this Stipulated
10 Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Repeval.

11 9. Respondents KCHA dba KMC Campus Pharmacy and KCHA dba Sagebrush
12 Medical Plaza Pharmacy are fully aware of their legal rights in this matter, including the right to a
13 hearing on the charges and allegations in the First Amended Accusation; the right to be
14 represented by counsel at their own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the
15 witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on their own behalf; the right
16 to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of
17 documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other
18 rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

19 10. Respondents KCHA dba KMC Campus Pharmacy and KCHA dba Sagebrush
20 Medical Plaza Pharmacy voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and
21 every right set forth above.

22 CULPABILITY

23 11. Respondents KCHA dba KMC Campus Pharmacy and KCHA dba Sagebrush
24 Medical Plaza Pharmacy admit the truth of each and every charge and allegation in First
25 Amended Accusation Nos. 5551 and 5553.

26 12. Respondents KCHA dba KMC Campus Pharmacy and KCHA dba Sagebrush
27 Medical Plaza Pharmacy agree that their Original Permit Nos. PHE 54462 and PHE 54461 are
28 subject to discipline and they agree to be bound by the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

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2 13. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondents KCHA dba
3 KMC Campus Pharmacy and KCHA dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy understand and
4 agree that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the
5 Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondents
6 or their counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents KCHA dba KMC Campus Pharmacy
7 and KCHA dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy understand and agree that they may not
8 withdraw their agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers
9 and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the
10 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Repeval shall be of no force or effect,
11 except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the
12 Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

13 14. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
14 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Repeval, including
15 Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and
16 effect as the originals.

17 15. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Repeval is intended by
18 the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment
19 of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements,
20 understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated
21 Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Repeval may not be altered, amended, modified,
22 supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative
23 of each of the parties.

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

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1 DISCIPLINARY ORDER

2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Original Permit Number No. PHE 54462 issued to KCHA
3 dba KMC Campus Pharmacy and Original Permit Number No. PHE 54461 issued to KCHA dba
4 Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy shall be publicly reprovved by the Board under Business and
5 Professions Code section 495 in resolution of First Amended Accusations Nos. 5551 and 5553,
6 attached as exhibit A.

7 **Cost Recovery.** Respondents KCHA dba KMC Campus Pharmacy and KCHA dba
8 Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy shall pay ~~\$25,000.00~~ ^{\$24,975.70} to the Board for its costs associated
9 with the investigation and enforcement of this matter. Respondents KCHA dba KMC Campus
10 Pharmacy and KCHA dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy shall be permitted to pay these
11 costs in a payment plan approved by the Board. If Respondents KCHA dba KMC Campus
12 Pharmacy and KCHA dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy fail to pay the Board costs as
13 ordered, Respondents KCHA dba KMC Campus Pharmacy and KCHA dba Sagebrush Medical
14 Plaza Pharmacy shall not be allowed to renew their Hospital Pharmacy Licenses until
15 Respondents KCHA dba KMC Campus Pharmacy and KCHA dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza
16 Pharmacy pays costs in full.

17 ACCEPTANCE

18 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public
19 Reproval and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Mark B. Connely. I understand the
20 stipulation and the effect it will have on my Original Permit Number PHE 54462. I enter into this
21 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reapproval voluntarily, knowingly, and
22 intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board.

23 DATED: 11/13/17

24 Karen D. James
25 KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY DBA
KERN MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUS PHARMACY,
Respondent

26 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public
27 Reapproval and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Mark B. Connely. I understand the
28 stipulation and the effect it will have on my Original Permit Number PHE 54461. I enter into this

1 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Repeval voluntarily, knowingly, and
2 intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board.

3 DATED: 11/13/17

Karen S. James
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SAGEBRUSH MEDICAL PLAZA PHARMACY,
Respondent

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7 I have read and fully discussed with Respondents KCHA dba KMC Campus Pharmacy and
8 KCHA dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy the terms and conditions and other matters
9 contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Repeval. I
10 approve its form and content.

11 DATED: 11/13/17

Mrs Lowely
MARK B. CONNELLY
Attorney for Respondents

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14 ENDORSEMENT

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

18 Dated: 11/30/17

19 Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

First Amended Accusations No. 5551 and 5553

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FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION

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HOSPITAL AUTHORITY DBA KERN MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUS PHARMACY, TARYN ADALE
JOLLIFF, and ANIECE LOUISE AMOS – FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION

1 Complainant alleges:

2 PARTIES

3 1. Virginia Herold ("Complainant") brings this First Amended Accusation solely in her
4 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer
5 Affairs.

6 2. On or about August 15, 2000, the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") issued Original
7 Permit Number PHE 44938 to Kern Medical Center dba Kern Medical Center Campus Pharmacy
8 ("Respondent KMC dba Kern Medical Center Campus Pharmacy"). The Original Permit Number
9 was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and was cancelled
10 on July 1, 2016 pursuant to a change of ownership.¹

11 3. On or about July 1, 2016, the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") issued Original Permit
12 Number PHE 54462 to Kern County Hospital Authority dba Kern Medical Center Campus
13 Pharmacy ("Respondent KCHA dba Kern Medical Center Campus Pharmacy"). The Original
14 Permit Number was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and
15 will expire on November 1, 2018, unless renewed.

16 4. On or about January 30, 2008, the Board issued Pharmacist License Number RPH
17 60682 to Taryn Adale Jolliff ("Respondent Jolliff"). Between January 28, 2012 and August 14,
18 2014, Respondent Jolliff was the Pharmacist-in-Charge of Respondent KMC dba Kern Medical
19 Center Campus Pharmacy. The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times
20 relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2019, unless renewed.

21 ¹ Pursuant to Kern County Hospital Authority Act (Health & Safety Code, § 101852 et
22 seq.) the California Legislature authorized the County of Kern ("County") to establish the Kern
23 County Hospital Authority ("Authority") and to transfer the ownership, control, management, and
24 operation of Kern Medical Center ("KMC") and certain pharmacies operated by KMC to the
25 Authority. On October 6, 2015 the Kern County Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance No. A-
26 356 as amended, that adds Chapter 2.170 to Title 2 of the Ordinance Code of the County of Kern
27 ("Ordinance") concerning, and which created, the Authority. The Ordinance was effective on
28 November 6, 2015. On July 1, 2016, the ownership, control, management, and operation of KMC
and certain pharmacies (including KMC Campus Pharmacy and Sagebrush Medical Plaza
Pharmacy) were transferred from the County to the Authority. The Authority is a public entity
that is a local unit of government separate and apart from the County of Kern and any other public
entity. As specified in various agreements and related documents approved by legal counsel for
the County, the County shall guarantee the payment by the Authority of liabilities the Authority
assumes for obligations incurred by the County during its ownership and operation of the KMC.

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

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5 "(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the
6 violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable
7 federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by
8 the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency."

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10 10. Section 4105 of the Code states:

11 "(a) All records or other documentation of the acquisition and disposition of
12 dangerous drugs and dangerous devices by any entity licensed by the board shall be
retained on the licensed premises in a readily retrievable form.

13 "(b) The licensee may remove the original records or documentation from the licensed
14 premises on a temporary basis for license-related purposes. However, a duplicate set
of those records or other documentation shall be retained on the licensed premises.

15 "(c) The records required by this section shall be retained on the licensed premises for
16 a period of three years from the date of making.

17 "(d) Any records that are maintained electronically shall be maintained so that the
18 pharmacist-in-charge, the pharmacist on duty if the pharmacist-in-charge is not on
duty, or, in the case of a veterinary food-animal drug retailer or wholesaler, the
19 designated representative on duty, shall, at all times during which the licensed
premises are open for business, be able to produce a hard copy and electronic copy of
all records of acquisition or disposition or other drug or dispensing-related records
20 maintained electronically.

21 "(e)(1) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a), (b), and (c), the board, may upon written
22 request, grant to a licensee a waiver of the requirements that the records described in
subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) be kept on the licensed premises.

23 "(e)(2) A waiver granted pursuant to this subdivision shall not affect the board's
24 authority under this section or any other provision of this chapter."

25 11. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1713 states:

26 "(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Division, no licensee shall participate in any
27 arrangement or agreement, whereby prescriptions, or prescription medications, may
be left at, picked up from, accepted by, or delivered to any place not licensed as a
retail pharmacy.

28 "(b) A licensee may pick up prescriptions at the office or home of the prescriber or
pick up or deliver prescriptions or prescription medications at the office of or a

1 residence designated by the patient or at the hospital, institution, medical office or
2 clinic at which the patient receives health care services. In addition, the Board may, in
3 its sole discretion, waive application of subdivision (a) for good cause shown.

4 "(c) A patient or the patient's agent may deposit a prescription in a secure container
5 that is at the same address as the licensed pharmacy premises. The pharmacy shall be
6 responsible for the security and confidentiality of the prescriptions deposited in the
7 container.

8 "(d) A pharmacy may use an automated delivery device to deliver previously
9 dispensed prescription medications provided:

10 "(1) Each patient using the device has chosen to use the device and signed a
11 written consent form demonstrating his or her informed consent to do so.

12 "(2) A pharmacist has determined that each patient using the device meets
13 inclusion criteria for use of the device established by the pharmacy prior to
14 delivery of prescription medication to the patient.

15 "(3) The device has a means to identify each patient and only release that
16 patient's prescription medications.

17 "(4) The pharmacy does not use the device to deliver previously dispensed
18 prescription medications to any patient if a pharmacist determines that such
19 patient requires counseling as set forth in section 1707.2(a)(2).

20 "(5) The pharmacy provides an immediate consultation with a pharmacist,
21 either in-person or via telephone, upon the request of a patient.

22 "(6) The device is located adjacent to the secure pharmacy area.

23 "(7) The device is secure from access and removal by unauthorized
24 individuals.

25 "(8) The pharmacy is responsible for the prescription medications stored in
26 the device.

27 "(9) Any incident involving the device where a complaint, delivery error, or
28 omission has occurred shall be reviewed as part of the pharmacy's quality
assurance program mandated by Business and Professions Code section
4125.

"(10) The pharmacy maintains written policies and procedures pertaining to
the device as described in subdivision (e).

"(e) Any pharmacy making use of an automated delivery device as permitted by
subdivision (d) shall maintain, and on an annual basis review, written policies and
procedures providing for:

"(1) Maintaining the security of the automated delivery device and the
dangerous drugs within the device.

"(2) Determining and applying inclusion criteria regarding which
medications are appropriate for placement in the device and for which
patients, including when consultation is needed.

1 "(3) Ensuring that patients are aware that consultation with a pharmacist is
2 available for any prescription medication, including for those delivered via
3 the automated delivery device.

4 "(4) Describing the assignment of responsibilities to, and training of,
5 pharmacy personnel regarding the maintenance and filing procedures for the
6 automated delivery device.

7 "(5) Orienting participating patients on use of the automated delivery device,
8 notifying patients when expected prescription medications are not available
9 in the device, and ensuring that patient use of the device does not interfere
10 with delivery of prescription medications.

11 "(6) Ensuring the delivery of medications to patients in the event the device
12 is disabled or malfunctions.

13 "(f) Written policies and procedures shall be maintained at least three years beyond
14 the last use for an automated delivery device.

15 "(g) For the purposes of this section only, 'previously-dispensed prescription
16 medications' are those prescription medications that do not trigger a non-discretionary
17 duty to consult under section 1707.2(b)(1), because they have been previously
18 dispensed to the patient by the pharmacy in the same dosage form, strength, and with
19 the same written directions."

20 12. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1717.4 states:

21 "(a) Except as otherwise prohibited by law, prescriptions may be transmitted by
22 electronic means from the prescriber to the pharmacy.

23 "(b) An electronically transmitted prescription which meets the requirements of this
24 regulation shall be deemed to be a prescription within the meaning of Business and
25 Professions Code section 4040.

26 "(c) An electronically transmitted prescription order shall include the name and
27 address of the prescriber, a telephone number for oral confirmation, date of
28 transmission and the identity of the recipient, as well as any other information
required by federal or state law or regulations. The prescriber's address, license
classification and federal registry number may be omitted if they are on file and
readily retrievable in the receiving pharmacy.

"(d) An 'interim storage device' means an electronic file into which a prescription is
entered for later retrieval by an authorized individual. Any interim storage device
shall, in addition to the above information, record and maintain the date of entry
and/or receipt of the prescription order, date of transmission from the interim storage
device and identity of the recipient of such transmission. The interim storage device
shall be maintained so as to ensure against unauthorized access and use of
prescription information, including dispensing information.

"(e) A pharmacy receiving an electronic image transmission prescription shall either
receive the prescription in hard copy form or have the capacity to retrieve a hard copy
facsimile of the prescription from the pharmacy's computer memory. Any hard copy
of a prescription shall be maintained on paper of permanent quality.

"(f) An electronically transmitted prescription shall be transmitted only to the
pharmacy of the patient's choice. This requirement shall not apply to orders for

1 medications to be administered in an acute care hospital.

2 "(g) Electronic equipment for transmitting prescriptions (or electronic transmittal
3 technology) shall not be supplied or used so as to violate or circumvent Business and
4 Professions Code section 4000 et seq., Health and Safety Code section 11150 et seq.,
5 or any regulations of the board.

6 "(h) Any person who transmits, maintains or receives any prescription or prescription
7 refill, orally, in writing or electronically, shall ensure the security, integrity,
8 authenticity, and confidentiality of the prescription and any information contained
9 therein."

10 COST RECOVERY

11 13. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
12 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of
13 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
14 enforcement of the case.

15 RELEVANT BACKGROUND FACTS

16 14. In April 2013, Respondent Amos, who was then the Director of Pharmacy for Kern
17 Medical Center, had multiple communications with a Board Inspector regarding the propriety of a
18 delivery service delivering medications from a pharmacy to a central location that was not a
19 licensed pharmacy. Kern County was looking for a way to deliver medications from Kern
20 Medical Center's two outpatient pharmacies, i.e., Respondent KMC dba Kern Medical Center
21 Campus Pharmacy and KMC dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy, to Kern County employees
22 who received insurance through the Kern Legacy Health Plan. On April 19, 2013, the Board
23 Inspector advised Respondent Amos that there was no pharmacy law that allowed for this conduct
24 without a waiver from the Board of Pharmacy.

25 15. Despite the admonishment from the Board Inspector, in July 2013, Respondent Amos
26 sent an internal email in which she stated that the "current practice of having a courier deliver to
27 the downtown site is allowed – no exception required. Having our clients pick up their
28 prescriptions from the courier is allowed – no exception required."

16. In August 2014, the Board Inspector learned for the first time that in July 2013, the
Kern Legacy Health Plan had established a prescription medication pick-up and drop-off location

1 for its members operated by Kern Medical Center at the County Administration Building located
2 at 1115 Truxtun Avenue in Bakersfield, California.

3 17. On August 11, 2014, the Board Inspector sent an email to the Kern Legacy Health
4 Plan stating that Respondent Amos had been advised that the pharmacy law did not permit the
5 delivery of medication to the location in question.

6 18. On August 12, 2014, Kern County Interim Senior Outpatient Pharmacist Jeremiah
7 Josen responded to the Board Inspector. Mr. Josen indicated that he believed that the Board had
8 given Kern Medical Center permission to run the delivery service, but he was unable to produce
9 any evidence of such permission. Mr. Josen stated that the delivery service operated by having
10 either Respondent KMC dba Kern Medical Center Campus Pharmacy or KMC dba Sagebrush
11 Medical Plaza Pharmacy send a pharmacy technician to the County Administration Building to
12 meet a patient and the deliver the medication.

13 19. On August 15, 2014, the Board Inspector spoke on the phone with Kern Medical
14 Center Chief Operating Officer Jared Leavitt. Mr. Leavitt described the delivery service as only
15 for employees of the County Administration Building. He further explained that there was an
16 office location staffed with a pharmacy technician and that patients would pick up medications at
17 scheduled times, which had been coordinated by the pharmacy technician. He also stated that the
18 pharmacy technician faxed prescriptions from that office to either Respondent KMC dba Kern
19 Medical Center Campus Pharmacy or KMC dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy.

20 20. Also on August 15, 2014, after verifying there was no Board licensed facility at the
21 Kern County Administration Building where the Kern Legacy Office was located, the Board
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23 observed an office with a glass front with the signage "Kern Legacy Health Plan." There was a
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13 prescriptions were being faxed to the Kern Legacy Health Plan Office.

14 22. On September 15, 2014, the Board Inspector received a statement from Respondent
15 Amos in which she acknowledged that she established the pharmacy pick-up and drop off service
16 at the Kern Legacy Health Plan Office at the County Administration Building

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THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unauthorized Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions)

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FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Storage of Pharmacy Records at an Unlicensed Location)

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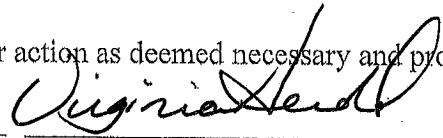
2 27. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Jolliff,
3 Complainant alleges that on or about February 1, 2010, in a prior action, the Board of Pharmacy
4 issued Citation Number CI 2009 43272 to Respondent Jolliff for violating Code section 4104,
5 subdivision (c)(2) [failure to report employee impairment and dangerous drug theft] and ordered
6 Respondent Jolliff to pay a \$1,000 fine. That Citation is now final and is incorporated by
7 reference as though fully set forth herein.

8 PRAYER

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

- 11 1. Revoking or suspending Hospital Pharmacy License Number PHE 44938, issued to
- 12 KMC dba Kern Medical Center Campus Pharmacy;
- 13 2. Revoking or suspending Original Permit Number PHE 54462, issued to KCHA dba
- 14 Kern Medical Center Campus Pharmacy;
- 15 3. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 60682, issued to Taryn
- 16 Adale Jolliff;
- 17 4. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 36840, issued to Aniece
- 18 Louise Amos;
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- 20 Medical Center Campus Pharmacy Taryn Adale Jolliff, and Aniece Louise Amos to pay the Board
- 21 the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and
- 22 Professions Code section 125.3; and,
- 23 6. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

24 DATED: 10/30/17



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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **BOARD OF PHARMACY**
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 5553

12 **KERN MEDICAL CENTER DBA**
13 **SAGEBRUSH MEDICAL PLAZA**
14 **PHARMACY**
1111 Columbus Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93305

FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION

15 Hospital Pharmacy Permit No. PHE 40876,

16 **KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL**
17 **AUTHORITY DBA SAGEBRUSH**
18 **MEDICAL PLAZA PHARMACY**
1111 Columbus Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93305

19 Hospital Pharmacy Permit No. PHE 54461

20 **ANGELA MARIE TORRES**
11501 Valley Forge Way
21 Bakersfield, CA 93312

22 Pharmacist License No. RPH 55644,

23 and

24 **ANIECE LOUISE AMOS**
555 Fairbanks St.
25 Corona, CA 92879

26 Pharmacist License No. RPH 36840

27 Respondents.

1 Complainant alleges:

2 PARTIES

3 1. Virginia Herold ("Complainant") brings this First Amended Accusation solely in her
4 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer
5 Affairs.

6 2. On or about August 18, 1995, the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") issued Original
7 Permit Number PHE 40876 to Kern Medical Center dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy
8 ("Respondent KMC dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy"). The Hospital Pharmacy Permit
9 was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and was canceled on
10 July 1, 2016 pursuant to a change of ownership.¹

11 3. On or about July 1, 2016, the Board issued Original Permit Number PHE 54461 to
12 Kern County Hospital Authority dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy ("Respondent KCHA
13 dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy"). The Original Permit Number was in full force and
14 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on November 1, 2017,
15 unless renewed.

16 4. On or about July 12, 2004, the Board issued Pharmacist License Number RPH 55644
17 to Angela Marie Torres ("Respondent Torres"). Between May 1, 2013 and September 11, 2014,
18 Respondent Torres was the Pharmacist-in-Charge of Respondent KMC dba Sagebrush Medical
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21 ¹ Pursuant to Kern County Hospital Authority Act (Health & Safety Code, § 101852 et
22 seq.) the California Legislature authorized the County of Kern ("County") to establish the Kern
23 County Hospital Authority ("Authority") and to transfer the ownership, control, management, and
24 operation of Kern Medical Center ("KMC") and certain pharmacies operated by KMC to the
25 Authority. On October 6, 2015 the Kern County Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance No. A-
26 356 as amended, that adds Chapter 2.170 to Title 2 of the Ordinance Code of the County of Kern
27 ("Ordinance") concerning, and which created, the Authority. The Ordinance was effective on
28 November 6, 2015. On July 1, 2016, the ownership, control, management, and operation of KMC
and certain pharmacies (including KMC Campus Pharmacy and Sagebrush Medical Plaza
Pharmacy) were transferred from the County to the Authority. The Authority is a public entity
that is a local unit of government separate and apart from the County of Kern and any other public
entity. As specified in various agreements and related documents approved by legal counsel for
the County, the County shall guarantee the payment by the Authority of liabilities the Authority
assumes for obligations incurred by the County during its ownership and operation of the KMC.

1 Plaza Pharmacy. The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the
2 charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2017, unless renewed.

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4 36840 to Aniece Louise Amos ("Respondent Amos"). The Pharmacist License was in full force
5 and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31,
6 2017, unless renewed.

7 JURISDICTION

8 6. This First Amended Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the
9 following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise
10 indicated.

11 7. Section 4300.1 of the Code states:

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

17 8. Section 4300 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

18 "(a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked.

19 "(b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the board, whose default
20 has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and found guilty, by any of the
21 following methods:

22 "(1) Suspending judgment.

23 "(2) Placing him or her upon probation.

24 "(3) Suspending his or her right to practice for a period not exceeding one year.

25 "(4) Revoking his or her license.

26 "(5) Taking any other action in relation to disciplining him or her as the board in its
27 discretion may deem proper."

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1 retail pharmacy.

2 "(b) A licensee may pick up prescriptions at the office or home of the prescriber or
3 pick up or deliver prescriptions or prescription medications at the office of or a
4 residence designated by the patient or at the hospital, institution, medical office or
5 clinic at which the patient receives health care services. In addition, the Board may, in
6 its sole discretion, waive application of subdivision (a) for good cause shown.

7 "(c) A patient or the patient's agent may deposit a prescription in a secure container
8 that is at the same address as the licensed pharmacy premises. The pharmacy shall be
9 responsible for the security and confidentiality of the prescriptions deposited in the
10 container.

11 "(d) A pharmacy may use an automated delivery device to deliver previously
12 dispensed prescription medications provided:

13 "(1) Each patient using the device has chosen to use the device and signed a
14 written consent form demonstrating his or her informed consent to do so.

15 "(2) A pharmacist has determined that each patient using the device meets
16 inclusion criteria for use of the device established by the pharmacy prior to
17 delivery of prescription medication to the patient.

18 "(3) The device has a means to identify each patient and only release that
19 patient's prescription medications.

20 "(4) The pharmacy does not use the device to deliver previously dispensed
21 prescription medications to any patient if a pharmacist determines that such
22 patient requires counseling as set forth in section 1707.2(a)(2).

23 "(5) The pharmacy provides an immediate consultation with a pharmacist,
24 either in-person or via telephone, upon the request of a patient.

25 "(6) The device is located adjacent to the secure pharmacy area.

26 "(7) The device is secure from access and removal by unauthorized
27 individuals.

28 "(8) The pharmacy is responsible for the prescription medications stored in
the device.

"(9) Any incident involving the device where a complaint, delivery error, or
omission has occurred shall be reviewed as part of the pharmacy's quality
assurance program mandated by Business and Professions Code section
4125.

"(10) The pharmacy maintains written policies and procedures pertaining to
the device as described in subdivision (e).

"(e) Any pharmacy making use of an automated delivery device as permitted by
subdivision (d) shall maintain, and on an annual basis review, written policies and
procedures providing for:

"(1) Maintaining the security of the automated delivery device and the
dangerous drugs within the device.

1 "(2) Determining and applying inclusion criteria regarding which
2 medications are appropriate for placement in the device and for which
3 patients, including when consultation is needed.

4 "(3) Ensuring that patients are aware that consultation with a pharmacist is
5 available for any prescription medication, including for those delivered via
6 the automated delivery device.

7 "(4) Describing the assignment of responsibilities to, and training of,
8 pharmacy personnel regarding the maintenance and filing procedures for the
9 automated delivery device.

10 "(5) Orienting participating patients on use of the automated delivery device,
11 notifying patients when expected prescription medications are not available
12 in the device, and ensuring that patient use of the device does not interfere
13 with delivery of prescription medications.

14 "(6) Ensuring the delivery of medications to patients in the event the device
15 is disabled or malfunctions.

16 "(f) Written policies and procedures shall be maintained at least three years beyond
17 the last use for an automated delivery device.

18 "(g) For the purposes of this section only, 'previously-dispensed prescription
19 medications' are those prescription medications that do not trigger a non-discretionary
20 duty to consult under section 1707.2(b)(1), because they have been previously
21 dispensed to the patient by the pharmacy in the same dosage form, strength, and with
22 the same written directions."

23 12. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1717.4 states:

24 "(a) Except as otherwise prohibited by law, prescriptions may be transmitted by
25 electronic means from the prescriber to the pharmacy.

26 "(b) An electronically transmitted prescription which meets the requirements of this
27 regulation shall be deemed to be a prescription within the meaning of Business and
28 Professions Code section 4040.

"(c) An electronically transmitted prescription order shall include the name and
address of the prescriber, a telephone number for oral confirmation, date of
transmission and the identity of the recipient, as well as any other information
required by federal or state law or regulations. The prescriber's address, license
classification and federal registry number may be omitted if they are on file and
readily retrievable in the receiving pharmacy.

"(d) An 'interim storage device' means an electronic file into which a prescription is
entered for later retrieval by an authorized individual. Any interim storage device
shall, in addition to the above information, record and maintain the date of entry
and/or receipt of the prescription order, date of transmission from the interim storage
device and identity of the recipient of such transmission. The interim storage device
shall be maintained so as to ensure against unauthorized access and use of
prescription information, including dispensing information.

"(e) A pharmacy receiving an electronic image transmission prescription shall either
receive the prescription in hard copy form or have the capacity to retrieve a hard copy
facsimile of the prescription from the pharmacy's computer memory. Any hard copy

1 of a prescription shall be maintained on paper of permanent quality.

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3 pharmacy of the patient's choice. This requirement shall not apply to orders for
4 medications to be administered in an acute care hospital.

5 "(g) Electronic equipment for transmitting prescriptions (or electronic transmittal
6 technology) shall not be supplied or used so as to violate or circumvent Business and
7 Professions Code section 4000 et seq., Health and Safety Code section 11150 et seq.,
8 or any regulations of the board.

9 "(h) Any person who transmits, maintains or receives any prescription or prescription
10 refill, orally, in writing or electronically, shall ensure the security, integrity,
11 authenticity, and confidentiality of the prescription and any information contained
12 therein."

13 COST RECOVERY

14 13. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
15 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of
16 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
17 enforcement of the case.

18 RELEVANT BACKGROUND FACTS

19 14. In April 2013, Respondent Amos, who was then the Director of Pharmacy for Kern
20 Medical Center, had multiple communications with a Board Inspector regarding the propriety of a
21 delivery service delivering medications from a pharmacy to a central location that was not a
22 licensed pharmacy. Kern County was looking for a way to deliver medications from Kern
23 Medical Center's two outpatient pharmacies, i.e., Respondent KMC dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza
24 Pharmacy and KMC dba Campus Pharmacy, to Kern County employees who received insurance
25 through the Kern Legacy Health Plan. On April 19, 2013, the Board Inspector advised
26 Respondent Amos that there was no pharmacy law that allowed for this conduct without a waiver
27 from the Board of Pharmacy.

28 15. Despite the admonishment from the Board Inspector, in July 2013, Respondent Amos
sent an internal email in which she stated that the "current practice of having a courier deliver to
the downtown site is allowed – no exception required; Having our clients pick up their
prescriptions from the courier is allowed – no exception required."

1 16. In August 2014, the Board Inspector learned for the first time that in July 2013, the
2 Kern Legacy Health Plan had established a prescription medication pick-up and drop-off location
3 for its members operated by Kern Medical Center at the County Administration Building located
4 at 1115 Truxtun Avenue in Bakersfield, California.

5 17. On August 11, 2014, the Board Inspector sent an email to the Kern Legacy Health
6 Plan stating that Respondent Amos had been advised that the pharmacy law did not permit the
7 delivery of medication to the location in question.

8 18. On August 12, 2014, Kern County Interim Senior Outpatient Pharmacist Jeremiah
9 Josen responded to the Board Inspector. Mr. Josen indicated that he believed that the Board had
10 given Kern Medical Center permission to run the delivery service, but he was unable to produce
11 any evidence of such permission. Mr. Josen stated that the delivery service operated by having
12 either Respondent KMC dba Sagebrush Medical Plaza Pharmacy or KMC dba Campus Pharmacy
13 send a pharmacy technician to the County Administration Building to meet a patient and the
14 deliver the medication.

15 19. On August 15, 2014, the Board Inspector spoke on the phone with Kern Medical
16 Center Chief Operating Officer Jared Leavitt. Mr. Leavitt described the delivery service as only
17 for employees of the County Administration Building. He further explained that there was an
18 office location staffed with a pharmacy technician and that patients would pick up medications at
19 scheduled times, which had been coordinated by the pharmacy technician. He also stated that the
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