BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

Case No. 10-19389-1

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
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SETTLEMENT, WAIVER AND CONSENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the Investigative Committee (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (the Board) composed of Benjamin J. Rodrigueuz, M.D, Mr. Van Heffner and Beverly Neyland, M.D., by and through counsel, Lyn E. Beggs, Esq., and Lorraine Chun, M.D. (Respondent), as follows:

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2010, the Board's IC filed a Complaint in the above referenced matter charging Respondent with engaging in conduct that is grounds for discipline pursuant to the Medical Practice Act (NRS Chapter 630 and NAC Chapter 630) to wit: one count of malpractice as set forth in count I of the Complaint, a violation of NRS 630.301(4); and

WHEREAS, Respondent has received and reviewed a copy of the Complaint, understands the nature and significance of the Complaint and is fully advised concerning her rights and defenses to the Complaint as well as the possible sanctions that may be imposed if the Board finds and concludes that she has engaged in conduct that is grounds for discipline pursuant to the Medical Practice Act and after due consideration concedes that she committed malpractice as defined and set forth in count I of the Complaint; and

WHEREAS, Respondent understands and agrees that this Agreement is entered into by and between herself and the Board's Investigative Committee, and not with the Board, but that the Investigative Committee will present this Agreement to the Board for consideration in open session at a Board meeting, appropriately noticed, and that the Investigative Committee shall
advocate approval of this Agreement by the Board, but that the Board has the right to decide in its own discretion whether or not to approve this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Respondent and the Investigative Committee each understand and agree that if the Board approves the terms, covenants and conditions of this Agreement, then the terms, covenants and conditions enumerated below shall be binding and enforceable upon Respondent and the Board's Investigative Committee; and

NOW THEREFORE, in order to resolve the above-captioned case and charges brought against Respondent by the Board's Investigative Committee in said matter, Respondent and the Investigative Committee hereby agree to the following terms, covenants and conditions:

1. **Consent to Entry of Order.** In order to resolve the matter of these disciplinary proceedings pending against her without any further costs and expense of providing a defense to the Complaint or to any amended complaints, Respondent hereby agrees that an order may be entered herein by the Board finding that Respondent engaged in conduct that is grounds for discipline pursuant to the Medical Practice Act to wit: one count of malpractice as defined by NAC 630.040 and as set forth in count 1 of the Complaint, a violation of NRS 630.301(4); and ordering that Respondent be issued a public reprimand. Respondent shall further be ordered to reimburse the Board the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case, the current amount being $4079.99, not including any costs that may be necessary to finalize this Agreement. The costs and fines shall be paid to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners within ninety (90) days of the acceptance of this Agreement by the Board.

2. **Jurisdiction.** Respondent was at all times mentioned in the Complaint filed in the above-captioned matter was, a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Nevada subject to the jurisdiction of the Board to hear and adjudicate charges of violations of the Medical Practice Act (NRS 630), and to impose sanctions as provided by the Act.

3. **Representation by Counsel.** Respondent acknowledges that she is not represented by counsel and wishes to proceed towards resolution of this matter as set forth in this Agreement without counsel. Respondent understands and acknowledges that she may retain and consult counsel prior to entering into this Agreement and agrees that if counsel is retained for representation in this
representation in this matter prior to entering into this Agreement, that counsel for the Investigative Committee will be informed of such prior to Respondent executing this Agreement.

4. **Waiver of Rights.** Respondent covenants and agrees that she enters into this Agreement knowingly, willingly, and intelligently with knowledge that she may consult with counsel prior to entering into this Agreement. In connection with this Agreement, and the terms, covenants and conditions contained herein, Respondent knowingly, willingly and intelligently, waives all rights arising under or pursuant to the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the state of Nevada, NRS Chapter 630 and NRS Chapter 233B that may be available to Respondent or that may apply to Respondent in connection with the proceeding regarding the Complaint filed herein, the defense of said Complaint and the adjudication of the charges in said Complaint, and Respondent further agrees that the matter of the disciplinary action commenced by the filing of the complaint herein may be settled and resolved in accordance with this Agreement without a hearing or any further proceeding, and without the right to judicial review. In the event this Agreement is not approved by the Board, this Agreement shall have no force and effect and Respondent shall have all rights arising under or pursuant to the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of Nevada, NRS Chapter 630 and NRS Chapter 233B that may be available to Respondent or that may apply to Respondent in connection with the proceeding on the complaint filed herein.

5. **Acknowledgement of Reasonable Basis to Proceed.** Respondent covenants and agrees that the Board's Investigative Committee has a reasonable basis to believe that Respondent violated one or more provisions of the Medical Practice Act.

6. **Procedure for Adoption of Agreement.** It is expressly understood that this Agreement will only become effective if the Board approves the recommendation of the Investigative Committee for acceptance. The Investigative Committee and counsel for the Investigative Committee shall recommend approval of the terms, covenants and conditions contained herein by the Board in resolution of the disciplinary proceedings pending herein against Respondent pursuant to the Complaint. In the course of seeking Board approval of this Agreement, counsel for the Investigative Committee may communicate directly with the Board staff and members of the panel of the Board who would adjudicate this case if it were to go to
hearing. Respondent covenants and agrees that such contacts and communication may be made or conducted ex parte, without notice or opportunity to be heard on his part or on the part of his counsel, if any, until the public Board meeting where this Agreement is discussed, and that such contacts and communications may include, but not be limited to, matters concerning this Agreement, the Complaint and the allegations therein, any and all evidence that may exist in support of the Complaint, and any and all information of every nature whatsoever related to the complaint against Respondent. The Investigative Committee and its counsel agree that Respondent and her counsel, if any, may appear at the Board meeting where this Agreement is discussed in order to respond to any and all questions that may be addressed to the Investigative Committee or its counsel at such meeting.

7. **Effect of Acceptance of Agreement by Board.** In the event the Board approves the terms, covenants and conditions set out in this Agreement, counsel for the Investigative Committee will cause to be entered herein the Board’s Order approving this Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement, ordering full compliance with the terms herein and ordering that this case be closed, subject to the provisions in Paragraph 1.

8. **Effect of Rejection of Agreement by Board.** In the event the Board does not approve the terms, covenants and conditions set out in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be null, void, and of no further force and effect except as to the following covenant and agreement regarding disqualification of adjudicating Board panel members. Respondent agrees that, notwithstanding rejection of this Agreement by the Board, nothing contained herein and nothing that occurs pursuant to efforts of the Investigative Committee or its counsel to seek acceptance and adoption of this Agreement by the Board shall disqualify any member of the adjudicating panel of the Board from considering the charges against Respondent and participating in the disciplinary proceedings in any role, including adjudication of the case, and Respondent further agrees that she shall not seek to disqualify any such member absent evidence of bad faith.

9. **Release From Liability.** In execution of this Agreement, the Respondent, for herself, her executors, successors and assigns, hereby releases and forever discharges the state of Nevada, the Board, the Nevada Attorney General, and each of their members, agents and
employees in their representative capacities, and in their individual capacities absent evidence of 
bad faith, from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, 
executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known and unknown, in law or equity, that 
Respondent ever had, now has, may have or claim to have, against any or all of the persons or 
entities named in this paragraph arising out of or by reason of this investigation, this disciplinary 
action, this settlement or its administration, in connection with the complaint. The Investigative 
Committee hereby agrees to accept this Agreement in full settlement of all claims related to the 
complaint, with the understanding that the final decision rests with the Board.

10. **Binding Effect.** Respondent covenants and agrees that this Agreement is a binding 
and enforceable contract upon Respondent and the Board’s Investigative Committee, which 
contract may be enforced in a court or tribunal having jurisdiction.

11. **Forum Selection Clause.** Respondent covenants and agrees that in the event 
either party is required to seek enforcement of this Agreement in the district court, she consents to 
such jurisdiction, and covenants and agrees that exclusive jurisdiction shall be in the Second 
Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada in and for the County of Washoe.

12. **Attorneys’ Fees and Costs.** Respondent covenants and agrees that in the event an 
action is commenced in the district court to enforce any provision of this Agreement, the 
prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable costs and attorneys’ fees.

13. **Failure to comply with terms.** In the event the Board enters its Order approving 
this Agreement, should Respondent fail to comply with the terms recited herein, the Board would 
then have grounds, after notice and a hearing, to take disciplinary action against Respondent in 
addition to that included herein for the subject's violation of an Order of the Board in accordance 
with NRS 630.3065(2)(a). Moreover, the failure of Respondent to
reimburse the Board for monies agreed to be paid as a condition of settlement, may subject Respondent to civil collection efforts.

Dated this 17th day of Feb. of 2011.

By: Lyn E. Beggs, Esq.
Attorney for the Investigative Committee

Dated this 10th day of Feb., 2011.

By: Edward J. Lemons, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent

UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED:

Lorraine Chun, M.D., Respondent

Dated this 15th day of February, 2011.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this ___ day of ______________ 2011.

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Notary Public
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the foregoing Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement is approved and accepted by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners on the 11th day of March 2011, with the final total amount of costs due of $4,079.99.

Charles N. Held, M.D., President
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS