BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In the Matter of Charges and
Complaint Against
CRAIG MITCHELL WEINGROW, M.D.,
Respondent.

Case No. 18-39792-1

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Investigative Committee (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), by and through Aaron Bart Fricke, Esq., Deputy General Counsel for the Board and attorney for the IC, and Craig Mitchell Weingrow, M.D. (Respondent), a licensed Physician in Nevada, assisted by his attorney, Jason Weiner, Esq., of the law firm of Weiner Law Group, hereby enter into this Settlement Agreement (Agreement) based on the following:

A. Background

1. Respondent is a medical doctor currently licensed (License No. 14309) in active status by the Board pursuant to Chapter 630 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Chapter 630 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) (collectively, the Medical Practice Act), to practice medicine in Nevada since April 5, 2012.

2. On August 16, 2018, in Case No. 18-11729-1, the IC filed a formal Complaint (Complaint) charging Respondent with violating the Medical Practice Act. Specifically, the Complaint alleges: Count I, violation of NRS 630.301(4) (Malpractice); Count II, violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) (Violation of Standards of Practice); Count III, violations of NRS...

1 All agreements and admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, Respondent’s agreements and admissions are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, state or federal civil or criminal proceeding, any state or federal court proceeding, or any credentialing or privileges matter.
630.306(1)(b)(2) (Violation of Standards of Practice); Count IV, violation of NRS 630.306(1)(p) (Unsafe or Unprofessional Conduct); Count V, violation of NRS 630.306(1)(p) (Unsafe or Unprofessional Conduct); Count VI, violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) (Failure to Maintain Complete Medical Records); Count VII, violation of NRS 630.301(4) (Malpractice); Count VIII, violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) (Violation of Standards of Practice); Count IX, violation of NRS 630.306(1)(p) (Unsafe or Unprofessional Conduct); Count X, violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) (Failure to Maintain Complete Medical Records); Count XI, violation of NRS 630.301(4) (Malpractice); Count XII, violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) (Violation of Standards of Practice); Count XIII, violations of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) (Violation of Standards of Practice); Count XIV, violation of NRS 630.306(1)(p) (Unsafe or Unprofessional Conduct); Count XV, violation of NRS 630.306(1)(p) (Unsafe or Unprofessional Conduct); Count XVI, violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) (Failure to Maintain Complete Medical Records); Count XVII, violation of NRS 630.301(9) (Disreputable Conduct); Count XVIII, violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(1) (Deceptive Conduct); Count XIX, violation of NRS 630.306(1)(p) (Engaging in Unsafe or Unprofessional Conduct); Count XX, violation of NRS 630.306(1)(r) (Failure to Adequately Supervise); XXI, violation of NRS 630.305(1)(e) (Aiding Practice by Unlicensed Person); Count XXII, violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) (Engaging in Conduct that Violated Pharmacy Board Regulations); Count XXIII, NRS 630.301(4) (Malpractice)

3. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

4. Respondent was properly served with a copy of this Complaint, has reviewed and understands this Complaint, and has had the opportunity to consult with competent counsel concerning the nature and significance of this Complaint.

5. Respondent is hereby advised of his rights regarding this administrative matter, and of his opportunity to defend against the allegations in the Complaint. Specifically, Respondent has certain rights in this administrative matter as set out by the United States Constitution, the Nevada Constitution, the Medical Practice Act, the Nevada Open Meeting Law (OML), which is contained in NRS Chapter 241, and the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act (APA), which is contained in NRS
Chapter 233B. These rights include the right to a formal hearing on the allegations in the Complaint, the right to representation by counsel, at his own expense, in the preparation and presentation of his defense, the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses and evidence against him, the right to written findings of fact, conclusions of law and order reflecting the final decision of the Board, and the right to judicial review of the Board’s order, if the decision is adverse to him.

6. Respondent understands that, under the Board’s charge to protect the public by regulating the practice of medicine, the Board may take disciplinary action against Respondent’s license, including license probation, license suspension, license revocation and imposition of administrative fines, as well as any other reasonable requirement or limitation, if the Board concludes that Respondent violated one or more provisions of the Medical Practice Act.

7. Respondent understands and agrees that this Agreement, by and between Respondent and the IC, is not with the Board, and that the IC will present this Agreement to the Board for consideration in open session at a duly noticed and scheduled meeting. Respondent understands that the IC shall advocate for the Board’s approval of this Agreement, but that the Board has the right to decide in its own discretion whether or not to approve this Agreement. Respondent further understands and agrees that if the Board approves this Agreement, then the terms and conditions enumerated below shall be binding and enforceable upon him and the Board.

B. Terms & Conditions

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to resolve the matters addressed herein, i.e., the matters with regard to the Complaint, Respondent and the IC hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. **Jurisdiction.** Respondent is, and at all times relevant to the Complaint has been, a physician licensed to practice medicine in Nevada subject to the jurisdiction of the Board as set forth in the Medical Practice Act.

2. **Representation by Counsel/Knowing, Willing and Intelligent Agreement.** Respondent acknowledges he is represented by counsel, and wishes to resolve the matters addressed herein with said counsel. Respondent agrees that if representation by counsel in this matter materially changes prior to entering into this Agreement and for the duration of this
Agreement, that counsel for the IC will be timely notified of the material change. Respondent agrees that he knowingly, willingly and intelligently enters into this Agreement after deciding to have a full consultation with and upon the advice of legal counsel.

3. **Waiver of Rights.** In connection with this Agreement, and the associated terms and conditions, Respondent knowingly, willingly and intelligently waives all rights in connection with this administrative matter. Respondent hereby knowingly, willingly and intelligently waives all rights arising under the United States Constitution, the Nevada Constitution, the Medical Practice Act, the OML, the APA, and any other legal rights that may be available to him or that may apply to him in connection with the administrative proceedings resulting from the Complaint filed in this matter, including defense of the Complaint, adjudication of the allegations set forth in the Complaint, and imposition of any disciplinary actions or sanctions ordered by the Board. Respondent agrees to settle and resolve the allegations of the Complaint as set out by this Agreement, without a hearing or any further proceedings and without the right to judicial review.

4. **Acknowledgement of Reasonable Basis to Proceed.** Respondent acknowledges that the IC believes it has a reasonable basis to allege that Respondent engaged in conduct that is grounds for discipline pursuant to the Medical Practice Act. The Board acknowledges Respondent is not admitting that the Board’s claims/counts as alleged in the Complaint have merit and Respondent is agreeing to resolve this matter to avoid the costs of hearing and potential subsequent litigation. Respondent asserts if this matter were to proceed to hearing, he has evidence, witnesses, expert witness(es) and defenses to the counts/claims alleged in the Complaint, but for the purposes of resolving the matter and for no other purpose, Respondent waives the presentation of evidence, witnesses, expert witnesses, and defenses in order to effectuate this Agreement.

5. **Consent to Entry of Order.** In order to resolve this Complaint pending against Respondent, Respondent hereby agrees that the Board may issue an order finding that Respondent engaged in conduct that is grounds for discipline pursuant to the Medical Practice Act. Accordingly, the following terms and conditions are hereby agreed upon:
A. Respondent admits to Counts II, III, VI, VIII, X, XII, XIII, XVI, XVII, XVIII, XX and XXII.

B. Respondent’s license to practice medicine in the state of Nevada shall be revoked with the revocation to be immediately stayed. Respondent’s license shall be placed in “Inactive” status until successful completion of the terms set forth in Paragraph C immediately following.

C. Respondent’s license shall be subject to a term of probation for a period of time not to exceed thirty-six (36) months from the date of the Board’s acceptance, adoption and approval of this Agreement (Probationary Period). Respondent must complete the following terms and conditions within the Probationary Period and demonstrate compliance to the good faith satisfaction of the Board within thirty-six (36) months, or before Respondent resumes the practice of medicine in Nevada during this probationary period, whichever is first; if Respondent fails to demonstrate compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement within thirty-six (36) months, or otherwise violates the terms of this Agreement or the Medical Practice Act, then the stay of revocation of Respondent’s license shall be lifted, and his license shall be immediately revoked. The following terms and conditions shall apply during Respondent’s probationary period:

1. Respondent shall complete the University of San Diego, Physician Assessment and Competency Evaluation Program (PACE), Competency Assessment, and, if recommended by PACE, the Fitness For Duty (FFD) evaluation, and pass all of the above to the satisfaction of the Board;

2. Respondent will pay the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the above-referenced matter within thirty (30) days of the Board’s acceptance, adoption and approval of this Agreement, the current amount being $4,539.06, not including any costs that may be necessary to finalize this Agreement.

3. Respondent shall take twenty (20) hours of continuing medical education (CME) related to best practices in the prescribing of controlled substances within twelve (12) months from the date of the Board’s acceptance, adoption and approval of this Agreement. The aforementioned hours of CME shall be in addition to any CME
requirements that are regularly imposed upon Respondent as a condition of licensure in the state of Nevada and shall be approved by the Board to meet this requirement prior to their completion.

(4) Respondent shall pay a fine of $1,000 per count admitted to hereby, consisting of 12 counts, for a total of $12,000, within one hundred eighty (180) days of the Board’s acceptance, adoption and approval of this Agreement.

(5) During the probationary period, Respondent shall successfully complete all requirements and comply with all orders, past or future, of the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy (Pharmacy Board), specifically including but limited to, the Pharmacy Board’s Order issued on July 25, 2018, in its Cases Numbered 17-066-CS-S, 17-066-TD-A-S and 17-066-TD-B-S, specifically including the following:

a. Unless and until Respondent applies for reinstatement of his controlled substance registration and/or his dispensing practitioner registration, and the Pharmacy Board reinstates his registration(s), Respondent:

i. May not possess any controlled substance other than a controlled substance that was lawfully prescribed to him by a licensed practitioner and lawfully dispensed to him for his own personal use to treat a documented medical necessity.

ii. May not possess any controlled substance for office use or for patient use and must immediately and lawfully dispose of any and all controlled substances in his possession and/or control, other than a controlled substance lawfully prescribed and dispensed to him for his own personal use.

iii. May not prescribe any controlled substance for any patient.

iv. May not dispense any controlled substance or dangerous drug.

b. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement of his controlled substance registration or his dispensing practitioner registration until after “a period of not
less than 1 year has lapsed since the date of revocation," as required by NRS 639.257(1).

c. In the event Respondent applies for reinstatement, or for any other registration or certificate with the Pharmacy Board, he shall appear before the Pharmacy Board to answer questions and give testimony regarding his application, his compliance with the Pharmacy Board Order, and the facts and circumstances underlying this matter.

(6) During the probationary period, Respondent shall complete all terms and conditions of any criminal sanctions incurred before or during the period of this agreement, if any, including probation or parole.

(7) During the probationary period, Respondent shall not supervise any Physician Assistant, or collaborate with any Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

(8) Within thirty-six (36) months, or before Respondent resumes the practice of medicine in Nevada during this probationary period, whichever is first, Respondent shall appear before the Board at a public meeting and demonstrate compliance with all the terms of this Agreement, at which time, Respondent may complete an application for a change of status to "Active," and petition the Board to allow him to resume the practice of medicine.

D. This Agreement shall be reported to the appropriate entities and parties as required by law, including, but not limited to, the National Practitioner Data Bank.

E. Respondent shall receive a Public Letter of Reprimand.

F. The other counts of the Complaint shall be dismissed with prejudice.

6. **Release From Liability.** In execution of this Agreement, Respondent understands and agrees that the State of Nevada, the Board, and each of its members, staff, counsel, investigators, experts, peer reviewers, committees, panels, hearing officers, consultants and agents are immune from civil liability for any decision or action taken in good faith in response to information acquired by the Board. NRS 630.364(2)(a). Respondent agrees to release the State of Nevada, the Board, and each of its members, staff, counsel, investigators, experts, peer reviewers,
committees, panels, hearing officers, consultants and agents 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, government agencies or entities named in this paragraph arising out of, 
or by reason of, this investigation, this Agreement or the administration of the case referenced 
herein.

7. **Procedure for Adoption of Agreement.** The IC and counsel for the IC shall 
recommend approval and adoption of the terms and conditions of this Agreement by the Board in 
resolution of this Complaint. In the course of seeking Board acceptance, approval and adoption of 
this Agreement, counsel for the IC may communicate directly with the Board staff and the 
adjudicating members of the Board.

Respondent acknowledges that such contacts and communications may be made or 
conducted ex parte, without notice or opportunity to be heard on his part until the public Board 
meeting where this Agreement is discussed, and that such contacts and communications may 
include, but may not be limited to, matters concerning this Agreement, the Complaint and any and 
all information of every nature whatsoever related to this matter. The IC and its counsel agree that 
Respondent may appear at the Board meeting where this Agreement is discussed and, if requested, 
respond to any questions that may be addressed to the IC or the IC’s counsel.

8. **Effect of Acceptance of Agreement by Board.** In the event the Board accepts, 
approves and adopts this Agreement, the Board shall issue a final order, making this Agreement 
an order of the Board, and, pending full compliance with the terms herein, the case shall be closed 
and the remaining counts of the Complaint shall be dismissed with prejudice.

9. **Effect of Rejection of Agreement by Board.** In the event the Board does not 
accept, approve and adopt this Agreement, this Agreement shall be null, void and of no force and 
effect except as to the following agreement regarding adjudications: (1) Respondent agrees that, 
notwithstanding rejection of this Agreement by the Board, nothing contained in this Agreement 
and nothing that occurs pursuant to efforts of the IC to seek the Board’s acceptance of this 
Agreement shall disqualify any member of the adjudicating panel of the Board from considering
this Complaint and from participating in disciplinary proceedings against Respondent, including
adjudication of this case; and (2) Respondent further agrees that he shall not seek to disqualify any
such member absent evidence of bad faith.

10. **Binding Effect.** If approved by the Board, Respondent understands that this
Agreement is a binding and enforceable contract upon Respondent and the Board.

11. **Forum Selection Clause.** The parties agree that in the event either party is
required to seek enforcement of this Agreement in district court, the parties consent to such
jurisdiction and agree that exclusive jurisdiction shall be in the Second Judicial District Court,
State of Nevada, Washoe County.

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

13. **Failure to Comply with Terms.** Should Respondent fail to comply with any term
or condition of this Agreement once the Agreement has been accepted, approved and adopted by
the Board, the IC shall be authorized to immediately suspend Respondent’s license to practice
medicine in Nevada pending an Order To Show Cause Hearing, which will be duly noticed.
Failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement, including failure to pay any fines, costs,
expenses or fees owed to the Board, is a failure to comply with an order of the Board, which may
result in additional disciplinary action being taken against Respondent. NRS 630.3065(2)(a).
Further, Respondent’s failure to remit payment to the Board for monies agreed to be paid as a
condition of this Agreement may subject Respondent to civil collection efforts.
Dated this 23rd day of AUGUST, 2018.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: [Signature]

Aaron Barf-Fricke, Esq., Deputy General Counsel
Attorney for the Investigative Committee

Dated this _____ day of __________, 2018.

Weiner Law Group

By: [Signature]

Jason Weiner, Esq.,
Attorneys for Respondent

Dated this 16th day of August, 2018.

Craig Mitchell Weingrow, M.D., Respondent
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the foregoing Settlement Agreement is approved and accepted by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners on the 7th day of September, 2018, with the final total amount of costs due of $12,000.00.

Rachakonda D. Prabhu, M.D., President
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS