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QUARTERLY DISCIPLINARY REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

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- 1 Davidson Okpukpara Board Meeting 9/6/06 Case No. 05-053-RPH-N
Rite Aid #6281 Case No. 05-053-PH-N**

This was a misfill that resulted in a death. Patient H had surgery on his nasal passages and throat. He was prescribed Roxicet (oxycodone/APAP) upon leaving the surgery center. Patient H's care giver took him home, got him comfortable and went out to get his prescription filled. The prescription was filled by Mr. Okpukpara for his friend, Patient H. In his haste to fill the prescription, Mr. Okpukpara filled the prescription with Roxinol (morphine) with directions to take two or three teaspoonfuls as needed for pain. At 11:00 p.m. Patient H took two teaspoonfuls, by about 4:00 a.m. Patient H awoke sweating profusely, by 6:00 a.m. Patient H had dry heaves and by 6:15 a.m. Patient H stopped breathing. 911 was called and they could not revive Patient H but did keep him on life support until his son could be contacted in Atlanta.

Mr. Okpukpara was placed on two years probation, fined \$3,000 for the First Cause of Action, must complete the Your Success Rx program, and complete 15 hours of CE on pain management and error prevention in addition to his regular CE required for renewal of his license. He was fined \$750 for the Second Cause of Action for failing to adequately counsel.

Rite Aid #6281 will appear at the October 26, 2006 Board meeting to determine their disciplinary penalties. The Rite Aid corporate representative that was working with legal counsel on this matter succumbed to an untimely death.

- 2 Andrew P. Wright Board Meeting 9/6/06 Case No. 05-051-RPH-N
Walgreens #02662 Case No. 05-051-PH-N**

Patient G telephoned in four refills on her medications. One of the prescriptions, hydrocodone/APAP, needed approval from her physician. Mr Wright prepared all four of the prescriptions and placed one of them in the "quarantine drawer" to await approval from Patient G's physician. Patient G picked up three prescriptions, took them home and realized that she had received the unauthorized prescription for hydrocodone/APAP but did not receive one of the prescriptions that was authorized that she needed.

Mr. Wright will receive a letter of reprimand. Walgreens #02662 will pay administrative fees and costs in this matter and receive a letter of reprimand for non-compliance of Nevada law (NAC 639.2801).

3. William Locke Board Meeting 9/6/06 Case No. 06-007-RPH-N
Hales 50 Kirman Pharmacy Case No. 06-007-PH-N

These were stipulated agreements accepted by both Mr. Locke and Hales 50 Kirman Pharmacy.

Mr. Locke received a prescription for Seroquel 50 mg. tablets #90 with directions to take one tablet three times a day. Mr. Locke did not have 50 mg tablets so he substituted 25 mg. tablets and revised the instructions to read take two tablets three times a day. The patient took the medication as directed but was experiencing cramping in her arms and legs. The patient went to her physician with her medications and it was discovered that Mr. Locke had placed the label on a stock bottle of 100 mg. tablets of Seroquel.

Mr. Locke and Hales 50 Kirman Pharmacy were both fined \$250 plus administrative fees.

4. Walgreens #04789 Board Meeting 9/6/06 Case No. 06-028A-PH-N
Walgreens #05295 Case No. 06-028B-PH-N
Walgreens Co. Case No. 06-028C-PH-N

Patient B was given a prescription for Norco with no refills when he was discharged from a surgery center after having knee surgery.

This was a very complex case where between the two pharmacies cited in this matter had filled the prescription, transferred the prescription and added refills for a total of eleven times for a total of 400 dosage units without the authorization of Patient B's physician, Dr. Preston. Even after Dr. Preston's office was made aware of these refills and denied the request for refills, Walgreens filled the Norco prescription again two more times.

There were Twelve Causes of Action and Walgreens was fined \$2,000 for each Cause plus fees and costs in this matter. Walgreens #04789 and Walgreens #05295 must audit back to January 2006 to be sure there were no other strings of unauthorized prescriptions being filled. Both stores are now required to retain copies of faxes either in hardcopy or scanned into their computer. Both stores will be on probation for two years.