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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
JIN RYU, R. PH., :
RESPONDENT. :

0005452

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 PHM 020

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Jin Ryu, R. Ph.
8605 N. Milwaukee Ave., Apt 1w
Niles, IL 60714

Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
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Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Pharmacy Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Jin Ryu, R. Ph., DOB January 12, 1986, is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice pharmacy, having license number 16946-40, first issued on December 7, 2012 and expired on May 31, 2016. Respondent retains the right to renew the license by payment of a fee through May 31, 2021. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 8605 N. Milwaukee Ave., Apt 1w, Niles, Illinois, 60714.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a pharmacist at a pharmacies located in Milwaukee and Waukesha, Wisconsin, and in Bentonville and Skokie, Illinois.

3. On more than one occasion between January 15, 2013 and November 2016, Respondent engaged in the practice of pharmacy while impaired by alcohol. On each occasion, the pharmacy terminated Respondent's employment.

4. Respondent denies that he is addicted to or dependent on alcohol, and denies impairment.

5. Respondent is currently living in Korea and has no immediate plans to return to the practice of pharmacy in the United States.

6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10(1), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Jin Ryu, R. Ph., violated Wis. Stat. § 450.10(1)(a)3, by practicing pharmacy while Respondent's ability to practice was impaired by alcohol or other drugs or physical or mental disability or disease.

3. As a result of the above violations, Jin Ryu, R. Ph., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10(1)(b)1.

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The license to practice pharmacy issued to Respondent Jin Ryu, R. Ph., (license number 16946-40) is SUSPENDED as follows:

SUSPENSION

A.1. The license of Jin Ryu, R. Ph., to practice pharmacy in the state of Wisconsin is SUSPENDED for an indefinite period.

A.2. Respondent shall mail or physically deliver all indicia of licensure to practice pharmacy in Wisconsin to the Department Monitor within fourteen (14) days of the effective date of this order. Limited credentials can be printed from the Department of Safety and Professional Services website at <http://dsps.wi.gov/index.htm>.

- A.3. Upon a showing by Respondent of continuous, successful compliance for a period of at least five (5) years with the terms of this Order, including at least 600 hours of active pharmacy practice in the state of Wisconsin for every year the suspension is stayed, the Board may grant a petition by the Respondent under paragraph D.6. for termination of this indefinite suspension of Wisconsin licensure. If the Board, in an act of discretion, elects to terminate the indefinite suspension, the Board may limit Respondent's license as the Board deems necessary to ensure that Respondent is then-competent to engage in the practice of pharmacy. The Board may, on its own motion or at the request of the Department Monitor, remove the indefinite suspension at any time.

STAY OF SUSPENSION

- B.1. The suspension shall not be stayed for the first twelve (12) months, but any time after twelve months the suspension may be stayed upon Respondent providing proof, which is determined by the Board or its designee to be sufficient, that Respondent has been in compliance with the provisions of Sections C and D of this Order for the most recent three (3) consecutive months. The Board or its designee's decision of whether or not to stay the suspension is an act of discretion and is not subject to further review.
- B.2. The Board or its designee may, without hearing, remove the stay upon receipt of information that Respondent is in substantial or repeated violation of any provision of Sections C or D of this Order. A substantial violation includes, but is not limited to, a positive drug or alcohol screen and failure to participate in treatment as ordered. A repeated violation is defined as the multiple violation of the same provision or violation of more than one provision. The Board or its designee may, in conjunction with any removal of any stay, prohibit the Respondent for a specified period of time from seeking a reinstatement of the stay under paragraph B.4.
- B.3. This suspension becomes reinstated immediately upon notice of the removal of the stay being provided to Respondent either by:
- (a) Mailing to Respondent's last-known address provided to the Department of Safety and Professional Services pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.11; or
 - (b) Actual notice to Respondent or Respondent's attorney.
- B.4. The Board or its designee may reinstate the stay, if provided with sufficient information that Respondent is in compliance with the Order and that it is appropriate for the stay to be reinstated. Whether to reinstate the stay shall be wholly in the discretion of the Board or its designee.
- B.5. If Respondent requests a hearing on the removal of the stay, a hearing shall be held using the procedures set forth in Wis. Admin. Code ch. SPS 2. The hearing

shall be held in a timely manner with the evidentiary portion of the hearing being completed within sixty (60) days of receipt of Respondent's request, unless waived by Respondent. Requesting a hearing does not stay the suspension during the pendency of the hearing process.

CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Treatment Required

- C.1. Respondent shall enter into, and shall continue, drug and alcohol treatment with a treater acceptable to the Board or its designee (Treater). Respondent shall participate in, cooperate with, and follow all treatment recommended by Treater.
- C.2. Respondent shall immediately provide Treater with a copy of this Final Decision and Order and all other subsequent orders.
- C.3. Treater shall be responsible for coordinating Respondent's rehabilitation and treatment as required under the terms of this Order, and shall immediately report any relapse, violation of any of the terms and conditions of this Order, and any suspected unprofessional conduct, to the Department Monitor (See D.1., below). If Treater is unable or unwilling to serve as required by this Order, Respondent shall immediately seek approval of a successor Treater by the Board or its designee.
- C.4. The rehabilitation program shall include individual and/or group therapy sessions at a frequency to be determined by Treater. Therapy may end only with the approval of the Board or its designee, after receiving a petition for modification as required by D.4., below.
- C.5. Treater shall submit formal written reports to the Department Monitor on a quarterly basis, as directed by the Department Monitor. These reports shall assess Respondent's progress in drug and alcohol treatment. Treater shall report immediately to the Department Monitor any violation or suspected violation of this Order.

Releases

- C.6. Respondent shall provide and keep on file with Treater, all treatment facilities and personnel, laboratories and collections sites current releases complying with state and federal laws. The releases shall allow the Board, its designee, and any employee of the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Legal Services and Compliance to: (a) obtain all specimen screen results and patient health care and treatment records and reports, (b) to access all treatment records and (c) discuss the progress of Respondent's treatment and rehabilitation with Treater and treatment facilities and personnel, laboratories and collection sites. Copies of these releases shall immediately be filed with the Department Monitor.

AA/NA Meetings

- C.7. Respondent shall attend Narcotics Anonymous and/or Alcoholics Anonymous meetings or an equivalent program for recovering professionals, at the frequency recommended by Treater, but no less than twice per week. Attendance of Respondent at such meetings shall be verified and reported quarterly to Treater and the Department Monitor.

Sobriety

- C.8. Respondent shall abstain from all personal use of alcohol. Respondent shall not possess alcohol on the premises and property of any pharmacy.
- C.9. Respondent shall abstain from all personal use of controlled substances as defined in Wis. Stat. § 961.01(4), except when prescribed, dispensed or administered by a practitioner for a legitimate medical condition. Respondent shall disclose Respondent's drug and alcohol history and the existence and nature of this Order to the practitioner prior to the practitioner ordering the controlled substance. Respondent shall at the time the controlled substance is ordered immediately sign a release in compliance with state and federal laws authorizing the practitioner to discuss Respondent's treatment with, and provide copies of treatment records to, Treater and the Board or its designee. Copies of these releases shall immediately be filed with the Department Monitor.
- C.10. Respondent shall abstain from all use of over-the-counter medications or other substances (including but not limited to natural substances such as poppy seeds) which may mask consumption of controlled substances or of alcohol, create false positive screening results, or interfere with Respondent's treatment and rehabilitation. It is Respondent's responsibility to educate himself about the medications and substances which may violate this paragraph, and to avoid those medications and substances.
- C.11. Respondent shall report to Treater and the Department Monitor all prescription medications and drugs taken by Respondent. Reports must be received within twenty-four (24) hours of ingestion or administration of the medication or drug, and shall identify the person or persons who prescribed, dispensed, administered or ordered said medications or drugs. Each time the prescription is filled or refilled, Respondent shall immediately arrange for the prescriber or pharmacy to fax and mail copies of all prescriptions to the Department Monitor.
- C.12. Respondent shall provide the Department Monitor with a list of over-the-counter medications and drugs that they may take from time to time. Over-the-counter medications and drugs that mask the consumption of controlled substances or of alcohol, create false positive screening results, or interfere with Respondent's treatment and rehabilitation, shall not be taken unless ordered by a physician and approved by Treater, in which case the drug must be reported as described in paragraph C.11.

Drug and Alcohol Screens

- C.13. Respondent shall enroll and begin participation in a drug and alcohol monitoring program which is approved by the Department (Approved Program).
- C.14. At the time Respondent enrolls in the Approved Program, Respondent shall review all of the rules and procedures made available by the Approved Program. Failure to comply with all requirements for participation in drug and alcohol monitoring established by the Approved Program is a substantial violation of this Order. The requirements shall include:
- (a.) Contact with the Approved Program as directed on a daily basis, including vacations, weekends and holidays.
 - (b.) Production of a urine, blood, sweat, fingernail, hair, saliva or other specimen at a collection site designated by the Approved Program within five (5) hours of notification of a test.
- C.15. The Approved Program shall require the testing of specimens at a frequency of not less than forty-nine (49) times per year, for the first year of this Order. After the first year, Respondent may petition the Board on an annual basis for a modification of the frequency of tests. The board may adjust the frequency of testing on its own initiative at any time.
- C.16. If any urine, blood, sweat, fingernail, hair, saliva or other specimen is positive or suspected positive for any controlled substances or alcohol, Respondent shall promptly submit to additional tests or examinations as the Board or its designee shall determine to be appropriate to clarify or confirm the positive or suspected positive test results.
- C.17. In addition to any requirement of the Approved Program, the Board or its designee may require Respondent to do any or all of the following: (a) submit additional specimens; (b) furnish any specimen in a directly witnessed manner; or (c) submit specimens on a more frequent basis.
- C.18. All confirmed positive test results shall be presumed to be valid. Respondent must prove by a preponderance of the evidence an error in collection, testing, fault in the chain of custody or other valid defense.
- C.19. The Approved Program shall submit information and reports to the Department Monitor as directed.

Practice Limitations

- C.20. Respondent shall not practice as a pharmacist in any capacity unless Respondent is in full compliance with the rehabilitation and treatment programs as specified and approved under this Order. Respondent shall not practice as a pharmacist in

any capacity other than in the presence of another pharmacist without approval of the Board or its designee.

- C.21. Respondent shall not be employed as or work in the capacity of a “managing pharmacist” as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § Phar 1.02(6), without preapproval from the Board or its designee.
- C.22. Respondent shall not be employed as or work in the capacity of a “pharmacy technician” as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § Phar 7.015(1), without preapproval from the Board or its designee.
- C.23. Respondent shall not be employed or work in the capacity of a “pharmacist in charge” as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § Phar 1.02(9), while under the terms of this Order, except as otherwise allowed herein. Respondent may petition the Board for modification of this prohibition against practice as a pharmacist in charge pursuant to the terms of paragraph D.4. In addition to complying with the conditions of paragraph D.4., any such petition shall be accompanied by written request of the managing pharmacist, which shall include a complete work schedule of all pharmacists employed in the pharmacy indicating the proposed work schedule and supervision pattern for Respondent. The Board in its discretion may at any time modify any of the terms regarding practice by Respondent as a pharmacist in charge, as the Board deems appropriate in the circumstances. Grounds for modification or removal of the authorization to practice as a pharmacist in charge may include, but shall not be limited to, change in employer, managing pharmacist or residence address of the Respondent.
- C.24. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Final Decision and Order and all other subsequent orders immediately to supervisory personnel (including the managing pharmacist) at all pharmacies where Respondent is engaged in the practice of pharmacy as defined in Wis. Stat. § 450.01(16). The Board or the Department in its discretion may conduct unannounced inspections and/or audits, and make copies, of pharmacy records and inventory where Respondent is employed as a pharmacist. EMPLOYERS WHO ARE DEA REGISTRANTS ARE INFORMED THAT IF RESPONDENT HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY FELONY RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, THE EMPLOYER MUST RECEIVE A WAIVER OF 21 CFR § 1301.76 UNDER 21 CFR § 1307.03 BEFORE EMPLOYING RESPONDENT.
- C.25. It is Respondent’s responsibility to arrange for written reports from supervisors to be provided to the Department Monitor on a quarterly basis, as directed by the Department Monitor. These reports shall assess Respondent's work performance, and shall include the number of hours of active pharmacist practice worked during that quarter.

- C.26. Respondent shall obtain an agreement from his managing pharmacist to monitor Respondent's access to and accountability for handling of controlled substances and other abuseable prescription drugs in order to reasonably detect loss, diversion, tampering, or discrepancy relating to controlled substances and other abuseable prescription drugs. Respondent's supervisor shall include in the quarterly reports a description of Respondent's access to controlled substances and other abuseable drugs and the monitoring thereof. Any loss, diversion, tampering, or discrepancy shall be immediately reported to the Board.
- C.27. In addition to the foregoing subparagraph, Respondent shall obtain from his supervising pharmacist agreement to conduct a full and exact (not estimated) count of all controlled substances in inventory immediately, and accountability audits of all controlled substances every six (6) months for the duration of this Order. The audit shall be conducted by and certified by a licensed pharmacist other than Respondent, who shall be approved by the Board. A summary of all audits required under this subparagraph shall be included in the quarterly report following the audit. However, any discrepancy or missing drugs indicated by the audits shall be immediately reported in writing to the Board.
- C.28. Respondent shall arrange for agreement by his managing pharmacist to immediately report to the Board and to the Treater any conduct or condition of Respondent that may constitute a violation of this Order or a danger to the public.
- C.29. Respondent shall not own in whole or in part any interest in a pharmacy during the period of time this Order remains in effect.
- C.30. Respondent shall report to the Board any change of employer, employment status, residence, address or telephone number within five (5) days of the date of change.

MISCELLANEOUS

Department Monitor

- D.1. Any payment of costs (payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) requests, petitions, reports and other information required by this Order shall be mailed, e-mailed, faxed or delivered to:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Required Reporting by Respondent

- D.2. Respondent is responsible for compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this Order, including the timely submission of reports by others. Respondent shall promptly notify the Department Monitor of any failures of the Treater, treatment facility, Approved Program or collection sites to conform to the terms and conditions of this Order. Respondent shall promptly notify the Department Monitor of any violations of any of the terms and conditions of this Order by Respondent.
- D.3. Every three (3) months the Respondent shall notify the Department Monitor of the Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Order, and shall provide the Department Monitor with a current address and home telephone number.

Change of Treater or Approved Program by the Board

- D.4. If the Board or its designee determines the Treater or Approved Program has performed inadequately or has failed to satisfy the terms and conditions of this Order, the Board or its designee may direct that Respondent continue treatment and rehabilitation under the direction of another Treater or Approved Program.

Petitions for Modification of Limitations or Termination of Order

- D.5. Respondent may petition the Board on an annual basis for modification of the terms of this Order, however no such petition for modification shall occur earlier than one (1) year from the date of the initial stay of the suspension. Any petition for modification shall be accompanied by a written recommendation from Respondent's Treater expressly supporting the specific modifications sought. Denial of a petition in whole or in part shall not be considered a denial of a license within the meaning of Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a), and Respondent shall not have a right to any further hearings or proceedings on the denial.
- D.6. Respondent may petition the Board for termination of this Order anytime after five (5) years from the date of the initial stay of the suspension. However, no petition for termination shall be considered without a showing of continuous, successful compliance with the terms of the Order, for at least five (5) years.
- D.7. Should the Board, in an act of discretion, elect to terminate the indefinite suspension, the Board may impose education or training requirements the Board deems necessary to ensure that Respondent is then competent to engage in the practice of pharmacy.
- D.8. The decisions of whether or not to terminate the indefinite suspension, to remove a stay of suspension, and to modify or terminate any limitation established in this orders are within the sole discretion of the Board and are not subject to review.

Costs of Compliance

- D.9. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in conjunction with the monitoring, screening, supervision and any other expenses associated with compliance with the terms of this Order. It is a violation of this order if Respondent is suspended or dismissed from a program or treatment component for non-payment.

Costs of Proceeding

- D.10. Respondent shall pay costs of this matter in the amount of \$3,825.10, payable to the Department of Safety and Professional Services, within ninety (90) days of this Order. Payment should be directed to the attention of the Department Monitor at the address in paragraph D.1., above. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit any payment of costs, Respondent's license (no. 16946-40) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

Consequences for Violation of this Order and Additional Discipline

- D.11. In the event that Respondent violates any term of this Order, the Board or the Board's monitoring liaison may address the violation as follows:

- a. If the violation occurs while Respondent's license to practice pharmacy in the state of Wisconsin is indefinitely suspended and the suspension is stayed, the Board or the Board's monitoring liaison, may, in its discretion, remove any stay of the suspension without further notice or hearing. The Board or the Board's monitoring liaison shall stay the suspension after Respondent petitions the Board and establishes to the satisfaction of the Board or its monitoring liaison that the deficiency has been cured and that doing so does not present an unacceptable risk to patients or the public. If the Board or its monitoring liaison decide to reinstate the stay of suspension, the Board or its monitoring liaison may impose additional limitations as the Board or its monitoring liaison deem appropriate.
- b. If the violation occurs while the indefinite suspension of Respondent's license to practice pharmacy in the state of Wisconsin is not stayed, the Board or the Board's monitoring liaison, may, in its discretion, extend the period of time during which the suspension may not be stayed and/or impose additional limitations as the Board or its monitoring liaison deem appropriate. The Board or the Board's monitoring liaison shall remove the stay of suspension after Respondent petitions the Board and establishes to the satisfaction of the Board or its monitoring liaison that the deficiency has been cured, and that doing so does not present an unacceptable risk to patients or the public. In addition, the Board or its monitoring liaison
- c. In addition or as an alternative to removing any stay of suspension under this paragraph, extending a period of time during which a stay may not be

granted or imposing additional limitations, the Board or the Board's monitoring liaison may, in its discretion, refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

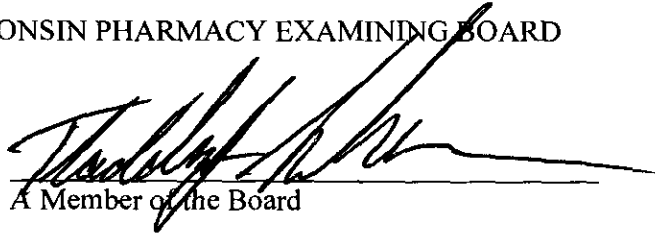
12. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

In addition to any other action authorized by this Order or law, violation of any term of this Order may be the basis for a separate disciplinary action pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10(1).

3. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

by:


A Member of the Board

9/21/17
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 PHM 020

Respondent Jin Ryu, R. Ph., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Respondent is represented by Attorney Mario Mendoza.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

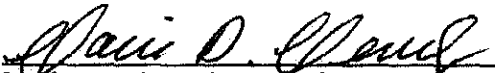
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



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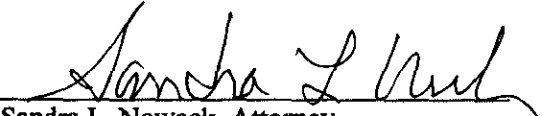
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