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# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

### IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY : PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : PALM BEACH PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., RESPONDENT. : PALM BEACH PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., PALM BEACH

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 PHM 018

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

Palm Beach Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 8409 North Military Trail, Suite 125 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

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

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 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 Palm Beach Pharmaceuticals, Inc., is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as an out-of-state pharmacy, having license number 39-43, first issued on May 23, 2006, and current through May 31, 2018. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 8409 North Military Trail, Suite 125, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was licensed as an out-of-state pharmacy located in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

3. On July 22, 2013, a Florida Department of Health Inspector conducted a routine inspection of Respondent's Palm Beach Gardens, Florida facility and observed medication without proper labeling, as required, expired medications located with active stock, and no record of completing observations of compounding personnel for skill and training as required.

4. On October 7, 2014, Respondent and the Florida Board of Pharmacy (Florida Board) signed a settlement agreement in which Respondent did not admit or deny the allegations.

5. To resolve the matter, Respondent executed the settlement agreement, which called for an administrative fine of \$3500.00, costs of \$3000.00, one year probation, semi-annual inspections, mandatory appearances before the Florida Board, refraining from engaging in sterile compounding until the Florida Board issued Respondent a special sterile compounding agreement, and correction of alleged deficiencies.

6. On December 18, 2014, the Florida Board approved and issued a "Final Order Approving Settlement Agreement" and the Respondent was placed on probation in Florida.

7. On February 11, 2016, Respondent's probationary period ended after two (2) Florida inspections that displayed full compliance.

8. Respondent did not report the settlement agreement or probationary period to the Wisconsin Board of Pharmacy, although they have done business in the state during their probationary period.

9. 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 (2), 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, Palm Beach Pharmaceuticals, Inc., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Phar 10.03(17), by having a license in another state or United States jurisdiction subject to disciplinary action by the licensing authority thereof.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Palm Beach Pharmaceuticals, Inc., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Phar 10.03(7), by failing to report to the pharmacy examining board any pharmacy practice which constitutes a danger to the health, safety or welfare of patient or public.

4. As a result of the above violations, Palm Beach Pharmaceuticals, Inc., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10(1)(b)1 and subject to a forfeiture pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10(2).

### <u>ORDER</u>

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Palm Beach Pharmaceuticals, Inc., is REPRIMANDED.

3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Palm Beach Pharmaceuticals, Inc. shall pay a FORFEITURE in the amount of \$1000.00.

4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Palm Beach Pharmaceuticals, Inc., shall pay the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$537.10.

5. Payment of costs and forfeiture (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

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 <u>DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov</u>

6. In the event that Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (no. 39-43) to practice pharmacy in the state of Wisconsin 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 the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

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

WISCONSIN PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

by:

A Member of the Board

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# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	STIPULATION
PALM BEACH PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	0005580

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 PHM 018

Respondent Palm Beach Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 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.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining (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, 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.

Palm Beach Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Respondent Representative 8409 North Military Trail, Suite 125 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 License po. 39-43

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