

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND
DISCIPLINE**

No. C10-654

**IN THE MATTER OF
William Chang, M.D.
License Number: MD 06631**

Consent Order

Pursuant the R.I. General Laws §5-37-5.2, 1956, as amended, (2009 Reenactment) a notification was received by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter "Board") regarding William Chang, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent"). This matter was referred to an Investigating Committee of the Board for investigation and recommendation. The following are findings of facts and conclusions of law:

FINDING OF FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent is a 72-year-old physician who has been licensed to practice in Rhode Island since 1985. He is a 1981 Graduate of Ross University School of Medicine in the Commonwealth of Dominica, West Indies. The Respondent is a licensed physician in Rhode Island whose principal place of business is Cranston East Medical Clinic, 934 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910. He has hospital privileges and a primary specialty in Family Practice.
2. An investigation by the Boards of Pharmacy and Medical Licensure and Discipline into the prescribing practices of the Respondent in connection with Complaint C10-654 revealed a pattern of inappropriate prescribing of opioids, stimulants and Suboxone. Patient chart reviews indicate a pattern of substandard medical practice.

3. Following this investigation, Respondent's Controlled Substances Registration was suspended on July 27, 2011.
4. The Board received three subsequent complaints, C11-537, C11-692, and C11-714, regarding the practices of Respondent between July, 2011 and September, 2011.
5. At the request of the Board, Respondent participated in an assessment by the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians in November, 2011. After a thorough assessment, the Center recommended that Respondent address his educational needs in a residency or residency-like setting.
6. Following the Center's report, the Respondent has decided to retire from medical practice and surrender his license to practice medicine.

The Parties agree as follows:

Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board:

- (1) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of the terms of this Consent Order;
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;

h. Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order;

(2) Acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an admission by the Respondent that the findings of fact were made by the Board.

(3) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties.

(4) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.

(5) The Respondent has agreed to retire and not renew his license unless he can complete a satisfactory residency training program.

Signed this 10th day of July, 2012



William Chang, M.D

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held

11 on July, 2012



Michael Fine, MD
Director of Health