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TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

May 14 and 15, 2007

Contested Case Hearing

Panel: Dr. Mitchell Mutter, Dr. Charles White and Ms. Mary Johnson

Larry Rawdon, D. Ph.-Dr. Rawdon was present and represented by legal counsel, Mr. Don Schwendimann. Ms. Andrea Huddleston represented the State. The Honorable Judge Lynn England, Administrative Law Judge presided. The Notice of Charges was handed to the panel for review. Witnesses were sworn in. Mr. Schwendimann gave his opening statement followed by Ms. Huddleston. A taped disposition was shown to the panel. Mr. Schwendimann asked to dismiss complaints filed because the State has no witnesses. The Judge granted dismissal. Dr. Rawdon is charged with TCA 63-6-202(a), TCA 63-6-201(a) and TCA 63-6-205(a). Dr. Rawdon has never been licensed as a Medical Doctor, Physician Assistant, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Nurse Practitioner or Advanced Practice Nurse in the State of Tennessee. Dr. Rawdon is licensed by the State of Tennessee Board of Pharmacy. Neither the Board of Pharmacy's organic statutes nor their rules and regulations deal with the unauthorized practice of medicine. Dr. Rawdon has been providing care to "patients" since at least 1995 and has admitted to having at least 10,400 "patient" contacts in that time period. Dr. Rawdon has treated people for cancer, "clogged arteries", cirrhosis, diabetes, immune deficiency and obesity. Dr. Rawdon provides his patients with a booklet titled "Osa's Garden: Clinical Reference Guide" that provides prescriptions for various maladies including common digestive problems, common discomforts of pregnancy and other "common" problems. Dr. Rawdon distributes the remedies for these "common" medical conditions through his storefront and internet store. The witnesses were called on to testify. Ms. Huddleston gave her closing statement and stated that the findings show that Dr. Rawdon has been practicing medicine and Naturopathy. Mr. Schwendimann followed with his closing statement. The panel went into deliberations. The panel reviewed the proposed Order submitted by the Office of General Counsel and made the appropriate changes. Dr. Mutter made a motion to refer to the appropriate criminal court and Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dr. Mutter made a motion to assess \$1 million in civil penalties and Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dr. Mutter made a motion to refer the Order to the Board of Pharmacy for consideration in the

matter and Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ms. Johnson made a motion to refer Order to the District Attorney of Lewis County, Tennessee for consideration of the matter and Dr. Mutter seconded the motion. The motion passed. The policy statement was read. The reason actions were taken is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Tennessee. Dr. Mutter made a motion to accept the policy as stated and Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Examiners on July 17, 2007.