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LETTER OF CONCERN

Dr. Walter Gene Schroeder, MD(H)
Rainbow Wellness Clinic
843 Miller Valley Road, Ste. 204
Prescott, Arizona 86301

RE: P.T. vs. W. Gene Schroeder, MD(H), No. 09-08

Dear Dr. Schroeder:

The Arizona State Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners ("Board") considered the above-referenced matter at its special meeting on October 20, 2009. The Board voted to dismiss the complaint and issue you a non-disciplinary *Letter of Concern* pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. §32-2901(13). A *Letter of Concern* is defined at A.R.S. §32-2901(13) as an advisory letter to notify a physician that, while there is insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action, the board believes the physician should modify or eliminate certain practices. The Board was concerned that you failed to properly document patient phone calls received after hours on off-duty days and that the staff office policy regarding emergency contact procedures may not have been clear. This may have led to a situation that was harmful to the patient's health and was below the standard of care inherent in ARS 32-2933(19) that states:

"Any conduct or practice contrary to recognized standards of ethics of the homeopathic medical profession, any conduct or practice that does or might constitute a danger to the health, welfare or safety of the patient, or any conduct, practice or condition that does or might impair the ability to practice homeopathic medicine safely and skillfully."

The Board also voted to require completion of twelve (12) hours of continuing medical education in AMA Category 1 coursework pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2934(E)(3) in the areas of medical records and documentation in the patient record. The coursework must be completed within six months of the date of the Board meeting. Enclosed with this letter are course suggestions to consider. Please forward copies of certifications showing you have completed the coursework as you obtain them.

With the issuance of this letter a copy of which will be retained in your license file, this matter will be administratively closed. As a non disciplinary action, a Letter of Concern is not reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank or Health Care Integrity and Protection Databank. Please contact me if you have questions.

Please contact me at (602) 542-8154 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Christine Springer
Executive Director

Cc: Complainant File