PETER VERNIERO
Attorney General of New Jersey
Attorney for the New Jersey
Board of Chiropractic Examiners
R.J. Hughes Justice Complex
P.O. Box 085
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

By: Lee Barry
Deputy Attorney General
(609) 984-4474

FILED
FEB 19 1993
NEW JERSEY BOARD OF
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF SHARON DALY DEHOPE, D.C. LICENSE NO. 3401 TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	Administrative Action CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereinafter, the "Board") following an investigation of the chiropractic practices of Steven Verchow, D.C. and Alexander Kuntzevich, D.C. (hereinafter, "Dr. Verchow" and "Dr. Kuntzevich", respectively, or "Drs. Verchow and Kuntzevich", collectively), and the role which Sharon Daly DeHope, D.C. (hereinafter, "Dr. DeHope" or "Respondent") performed in these chiropractic practices.

The Board has reviewed various patient files in which Respondent was an examining and/or treating chiropractic physician and a participant in the chiropractic practices of Drs. Verchow and Kuntzevich.

The Respondent makes the following admissions or assertions:

1. Respondent practiced as an associate in the Accident and Illness Center of Passaic, located in Passaic, New Jersey from approximately May 1992 to approximately February 1993; this treatment center was owned by Drs. Verchow and Kuntzevich at all times pertinent hereto.

2. Respondent failed to fully and independently exercise her professional duty to make independent chiropractic judgments as to the diagnosis and treatment of the patients, but rather deferred to directions of Drs. Verchow and Kuntzevich and others in their practice.

3. As instructed, the Respondent participated in providing unnecessary diagnostic and treatment services and services for which the clinic charged, but which were illusory and not calculated to render effective patient care.

The Board finds that the above-stated conduct, as well as other conduct not specifically recited herein, engaged in by Respondent constitutes violations of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c), N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of formal proceedings, and it appearing that Respondent acknowledges the findings of the Board previously set forth as accurate that her admissions and assertions constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c), (e) and (h), and it further appearing that Respondent has read the terms of this Order and understands their meaning, consents to be bound by same, and it further appearing that the Board finds that the within Order is adequately protective of the public interest, and it further appearing that good cause exists for entry of the within Order:

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 19th DAY OF February, 1998 ORDERED:

1. Respondent's license be and hereby is suspended for the above stated conduct for three years, all but sixty days of said suspension to be stayed and to be deemed a period of probation, the conditions of which shall be that Respondent remains in compliance with all other provisions of this Order and all

statutory and regulatory provisions applicable to the practice of chiropractic. Respondent shall, on March 2, 1998, surrender her license for the sixty day period of active suspension provided for herein.

2. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the entry of this order, pay a civil penalty to the Board in the amount of four thousand six-hundred ($4,600) dollars by certified checks or money orders made payable to the New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. An initial installment payment on said penalty, in the amount of $600, shall be received by the Board or postmarked on or before March 2, 1998. Thereafter, 35 additional installment payments of $114.29 shall be received by the Board or postmarked on or before the first day of each month, commencing April 1, 1998.

3. Respondent shall submit to ongoing monitoring of her chiropractic practice and shall submit to random and unannounced audits of the respondent's patient records and billing records as may be conducted by the Board's designees, at the Board's discretion, for a period of three years from the entry date of this Order. On demand made, the respondent shall immediately make available all records necessary to conduct the audit as determined by the Board or its designees.

4. Notwithstanding any provision of this Order, nothing in this Order shall prevent the Board, in its sole discretion, from deciding to initiate any action it deems appropriate and necessary to discipline Respondent or to protect the public health, safety and welfare, consistent with its authority, including but not limited to its authority as set forth in N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 and N.J.S.A. 45:1-22, where such conduct occurred (a) prior to May 1992 or after February 1993; or (b) during the period 1992 to 1993, was not conduct relating to the practice of Drs. Verchow and Kuntzevich, as described herein or in the administrative complaint filed with the Board on October 12, 1994 regarding Drs. Verchow and Kuntzevich; or (c) resulted in physical or psychological damage to any patient.

Eugene P. Cianciulli, D.C., President
N.J. Board of Chiropractic Examiners

I have read the within Order. I understand the Order, and I agree to be bound by its terms and conditions. Consent is hereby given to enter this Order.

Sharon Daly DeHope, D.C.

Consented as to form and entry

Patrick J. Richardson, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent