BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA ACUPUNCTURE BOARD DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

KARL DAKO CHANG, L.AC. 474 High School Drive Bishop, CA 93514

Acupuncture License No. AC 13939

Respondent.

Case No. 1A-2012-5

OAH No. 2013120423

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the

California Acupuncture Board, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on _______JUL 0 9 2015

It is so ORDERED JUN 0 9 2015

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Michael Shi, L.Ac, Chair Acupuncture Board Department of Consumer Affairs State of California

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13	KARL DAKO CHANG, L.AC. 474 High School Drive	OAH No. 2013120423
14	Bishop, CA 93514 Acupuncturist License No. AC 13939	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
15	-	DISCIPLINARY ORDER
16	Respondent.	
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18	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-	
19	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:	
20	PAR	TIES
21	1. Terri Thorfinnson ("Complainant")	is the Executive Officer of the Acupuncture
22	Board. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by	
23	Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Wendy Widlus, Deputy	
24	Attorney General.	
25	2. Respondent KARL DAKO CHANG, L.Ac. ("Respondent") is represented in this	
26	proceeding by attorney Therese M. Hankel, whose address is: Law Offices of Therese M.	
27	Hankel, 549 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 12, P.O. Box 2728, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.	
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		STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (1A-2012-5)

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1	3. On or about September 27, 2010, the Acupuncture Board issued Acupuncturist	
2	License No. AC 13939 to Respondent. The Acupuncturist License was in full force and effect at	
3	all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 1A-2012-5 and will expire on March	
4	31, 2016, unless renewed.	
5	JURISDICTION	
6	4. Accusation No. 1A-2012-5 was filed before the Acupuncture Board, (Board), and is	
7	currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required	
8	documents were properly served on Respondent on October 30, 2013. Respondent timely filed	
9	his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.	
10	5. A copy of Accusation No. 1A-2012-5 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein	
11	by reference.	
12	ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS	
13	6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the	
14	charges and allegations in Accusation No. 1A-2012-5. Respondent has also carefully read, fully	
15	discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary	
16	Order.	
17	7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a	
18	hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at	
19	his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to	
20	present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel	
21	the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and	
22	court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California	
23	Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.	
24	8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and	
25	every right set forth above.	
26	CULPABILITY	
27	9. Respondent agrees that at a hearing of this matter, Complainant could prove a	
28	prima facie case establishing each charge and allegation contained in the First, Second, Third, and	
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	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (1A-2012-5)	

Fourth Causes of Action.

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10. Respondent agrees that his Acupuncture License is subject to discipline and he agrees 2 to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below. 3

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11. 5 This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Acupuncture Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Acupuncture Board may 6 communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to 7 or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent 8 understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation 9 prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation 10 as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or 11 effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, 12 and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter. 13

12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile 14 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile 15 signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals. 16

13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that 17 the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following 18 Disciplinary Order: 19

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DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Acupuncture License No. AC 13939 issued to 21 Respondent Karl Dako Chang is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is 22 placed on probation for two (2) years on the following terms and conditions. 23

1. PRACTICE MONITOR Within 90 days of the effective date of this decision, 24 Respondent shall submit to the Board for its prior approval, the name and qualifications of one or 25 more California licensed acupuncturists whose license is clear (no record of complaints) and 26 current and who has agreed to serve as a practice monitor. Once approved, the monitor shall 27 submit to the Board a plan by which Respondent's practice shall be monitored. The monitor's 28

1 education and experience shall be in the same field of practice as that of the Respondent. The monitor shall submit written reports to the Board on a quarterly basis verifying that monitoring 2 has taken place and providing an evaluation of Respondent's performance. It shall be 3 Respondent's responsibility to assure that the required reports are filed in a timely fashion. The 4 Respondent shall provide access to the monitor of Respondent's fiscal and client records and the 5 monitor shall be permitted to make direct contact with patients. Further, the monitor shall have 6 no prior business, professional, personal or other relationship with Respondent. Respondent shall 7 execute a release authorizing the monitor to divulge any information that the Board may request. 8

9 Respondent shall notify all current and potential patients of any term or condition of
10 probation which will affect their treatment or the confidentiality of their records (such as this
11 condition which requires a practice monitor). Such notification shall be signed by each patient
12 prior to continuing or commencing treatment.

If the monitor quits or is otherwise no longer available, Respondent shall not practice until a
new monitor has been approved by the Board. All costs of monitoring shall be borne by the
Respondent.

2. 16 CHAPERONE During probation, Respondent shall provide written notification to 17 Respondent's patients that a third party chaperone shall be present during all consultations. examination, or treatment with female patients unless the female patient signs a waiver for the 18 treatment session. Respondent shall, within thirty calendar days of the effective date of the 19 20 Decision, submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval a chaperone waiver form for 21 patient review and signature. Respondent shall, within thirty calendar days of the effective date of the Decision, submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval the name of a person who 22 will act as the third party chaperone. Respondent shall maintain in the patient's file a copy of the 23 written notification, shall make the notification available for immediate inspection and copying 24 on the premises at all times during business hours by the Board or its designee, and shall retain 25 the notification for the entire term of probation. 26

27 Respondent shall maintain a log of all patients seen for whom a third party chaperone is
28 required. The log shall contain the: 1) patient initials, address and telephone number; 2) medical

record number; and 3) date of service. Respondent shall keep this log in a separate file or ledger. in chronological order, shall make the log available for immediate inspection and copying on the premises at all times during business hours by the Board or its designee, and shall retain the log for the entire term of probation. 4

5 If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a third party chaperone within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its 6 7 designee to cease the practice of acupuncture within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall cease the practice of acupuncture until a chaperone is approved to 8 9 provide monitoring responsibility. Each third party chaperone shall read the Decision and the Accusation, and fully understand the role of the third party chaperone. Each third party 10 11 chaperone shall sign (in ink or electronically) and date each patient medical record at the time the chaperone's services are provided. Respondent is prohibited from terminating employment of a 12 Board approved third party chaperone solely because that person provided information as 13 14 required to the Board or its designee.

If the third party chaperone resigns or is no longer available, Respondent shall, within five 15 16 (5) calendar days of such resignation or unavailability, submit to the Board or its designee, for prior approval, the name of the person(s) who will act as the third party chaperone. If Respondent 17 fails to obtain approval of a replacement chaperone within 60 calendar days of the resignation or 18 unavailability of the chaperone, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its 19 designee to cease the practice of acupuncture within three (3) calendar days after being so 20 notified. Respondent shall cease the practice of acupuncture until a replacement chaperone is 21 22 approved and assumes monitoring responsibility.

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PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES PROGRAM Within 60 calendar days from the 3. effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a professional boundaries program 24 equivalent to the Professional Boundaries Program offered by the Physician Assessment and 25 Clinical Education Program at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine 26 ("Program") Respondent, at the Program's discretion, shall undergo and complete the Program's 27 assessment of Respondent's competency, mental health and/or neuropsychological performance, 28

and at minimum, a 24 hour program of interactive education and training in the area of
 boundaries, which takes into account data obtained from the assessment and from the Decision,
 Accusation and any other information that the Board or its designee deems relevant. The
 Program shall evaluate Respondent at the end of the training and the Program shall provide any
 data from the assessment and training as well as the results of the evaluation to the Board or its
 designee.

Failure to complete the entire Program not later than six (6) months after Respondent's 7 initial enrollment shall constitute a violation of probation unless the Board or its designee agrees 8 in writing to a later time for completion. Based on Respondent's performance in and evaluations 9 from the assessment, education, and training, the Program shall advise the Board or its designee 10 of its recommendation (s) for additional education, training, psychotherapy and other measures 11 necessary to ensure that Respondent can practice acupuncture safely. Respondent shall comply 12 with Program recommendations. At the completion of the Program, Respondent shall submit to a 13 final evaluation. The Program shall provide the results of the evaluation to the Board or its 14 15 designee. The professional boundaries program shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in 16 addition to tany continuing education courses that may be required for license renewal. The Program has the authority to determine whether or not Respondent successfully completed the 17 program. 18

If Respondent fails to complete the Program within the designated time period, Respondent
shall cease the practice of acupuncture within three (3) calendar days after being notified by the
Board or its designee that Respondent failed to complete the Program.

4. <u>COURSEWORK</u> Respondent shall take and successfully complete not less than 10
hours of coursework in the following area: ethics. The coursework shall be taken as approved by
the Board. Classroom attendance must be specifically required. Course content shall be pertinent
to the violation and all coursework must be completed within the first three (3) years of probation.
The required coursework must be in addition to any continuing education courses that may be
required for license renewal. Within ninety days of the effective date of this Decision,
Respondent shall submit a plan for the Board's prior approval for meeting the educational

requirement. All cost of the coursework shall be borne by the Respondent.

5. OBEY ALL LAWS Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws and all 2 regulations governing the practice of acupuncture in California. A full and detailed account of 3 any and all violations of law shall be reported by the Respondent to the Board in writing within 4 seventy-two (72) hours of occurrence. 5

6. QUARTERLY REPORTS Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under 6 penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been compliance 7 with all the conditions of probation. 8

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7. SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation surveillance program and shall, upon reasonable notice, report to the assigned 10 investigative district office. Respondent shall contact the assigned probation surveillance monitor 11 regarding any questions specific to the probation order. Respondent shall not have any 12 13 unsolicited or unapproved contact with 1) victims or complainants associated with the case; 14 2) Board members or members of its staff; or 3) persons serving the Board as expert examiners.

- 8. INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE Respondent shall appear in 15 person for interviews with the Board or its designee upon request at various intervals and with 16 reasonable notice. 17
- 9. CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT Respondent shall notify the Board in writing, 18 through the assigned probation surveillance compliance officer of any and all changes of 19 employment, location and address within 30 days of such change. 20

TOLLING FOR OUT-OF-STATE PRACTICE OR RESIDENCE In the event 21 10. Respondent should leave California to reside or to practice outside the State, Respondent must 22 notify the Board in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of residency or practice 23 outside California will not apply to the reduction of this probationary period. 24

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11. EMPLOYMENT AND SUPERVISION OF TRAINEES Respondent shall not employ or supervise or apply to employ or supervise acupuncture trainees during the course of this probation. Respondent shall terminate any such supervisorial relationship in existence on the effective date of this probation.

1 12. COST RECOVERY Respondent is ordered to reimburse the Board the actual and reasonable investigative and prosecutorial costs incurred by the Board in the amount of \$15,000. 2 3 The Board or its designee may establish a payment plan for cost recovery; however, Respondent shall pay the full amount of cost recovery at least 180 days prior to the completion of the 4 probation. Failure to pay the ordered reimbursement, or any agreed upon payment, constitutes a 5 violation of the probation order and may result in revocation. If Respondent is in default of his 6 responsibility to reimburse the Board, the Board will collect cost recovery from the Franchise Tax 7 Board, the Internal Revenue Service, or by any other means of attachment of earned wages 8 9 legally available to the Board

10 13. <u>VIOLATION OF PROBATION</u> If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the 11 Board may, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, revoke probation and 12 carry out the disciplinary order that was stated. If an accusation or petition to revoke probation is 13 filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the 14 matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final. No petition 15 for modification or termination of probation shall be considered while there is an accusation or 16 petition to revoke probation pending against Respondent.

14.COMPLETION OF PROBATIONUpon successful completion of probation,Respondent's license will be fully restored.

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1	ACCEPTANCE	
2	I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully	
3	discussed it with my attorney, Therese M. Hankel. I understand the stipulation and the effect it	
4	will have on my Acupuncturist License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary	
5	Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order	
6	of the Acupuncture Board.	
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8	DATED: 3/26/2015 Atal	
9	KARL RAKO CHANG, L.AC. Respondent	
10	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent KARL DAKO CHANG, L.Ac. the terms	
11	and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary	
12	Order. I approve its form and content.	
13	DATED: 3/26/2015 Herese m. Hankel	
14	Therese M. Hankel Attorney for Respondent	
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16	ENDORSEMENT	
17	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully	
18	submitted for consideration by the Acupuncture Board. Dated: Respectfully submitted,	
19	KAMALA D. HARRIS	
20	Attorney General of California JUDITH T. ALVARADO	
21	Supervising Deputy Attorney General	
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23	WENDY WIDLUS	
24	Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant	
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 1A-2012-5

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California ROBERT MCKIM BELL Supervising Deputy Attorney General CLAUDIA RAMIREZ Deputy Attorney General State Bar No. 205340 California Department of Justice 300 South Spring Street, Suite 1702 Los Angeles, California 90013 Telephone: (213) 897-5678 Facsimile: (213) 897-5678 Facsimile: (213) 897-9395 Attorneys for Complainant Terri Thorfinnson Executive Officer, Acupuncture Board	FILED OCT 3 0 2013 ACUPUNCTURE BOARD	
9	BEFORE THE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD		
10	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 1A-2012-5	
13 14	KARL DAKO CHANG, L.AC. 474 High School Drive Bishop, California 93514	ACCUSATION	
15	Acupuncturist License No. AC 13939,		
16	Respondent.		
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18	Complainant alleges:		
19	PARTIES		
20	1. Terri Thorfinnson ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her official		
21	capacity as the Executive Officer of the Acupuncture Board of the State of California.		
22	2. On or about September 27, 2010, the Acupuncture Board issued Acupuncturist		
23	License number AC 13939 to Karl Dako Chang ("Respondent"). That license was in full force		
24	and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on March 31, 2014,		
25	unless renewed.		
26	JURISE	DICTION	
27	3. This Accusation is brought before th	e Acupuncture Board ("Board"), Department of	
28	Consumer Affairs, State of California under the	authority of the following laws. All section	
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references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

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Section 726 of the Code states:

"The commission of any act of sexual abuse, misconduct, or relations with a patient, client, or customer constitutes unprofessional conduct and grounds for disciplinary action for any person licensed under this division, under any initiative act referred to in this division and under Chapter 17 (commencing with Section 9000) of Division 3.

7 "This section shall not apply to sexual contact between a physician and surgeon and his or
8 her spouse or person in an equivalent domestic relationship when that physician and surgeon
9 provides medical treatment, other than psychotherapeutic treatment, to his or her spouse or person
10 in an equivalent domestic relationship."

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Section 4955 of the Code states:

12 "The board may deny, suspend, or revoke, or impose probationary conditions upon, the
13 license of any acupuncturist if he or she is guilty of unprofessional conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

"(d) Aiding or abetting in, or violating or conspiring in, directly or indirectly, the violation of the terms of this chapter or any regulation adopted by the board pursuant to this chapter.

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Section 4955.1 of the Code states:

"The board may deny, suspend, revoke, or impose probationary conditions upon the license
of any acupuncturist if he or she is guilty of committing a fraudulent act including, but not be
limited to, any of the following:

- "(a) Securing a license by fraud or deceit.
- "(b) Committing a fraudulent or dishonest act as an acupuncturist.

26 "(c) Committing any act involving dishonesty or corruption with respect to the
27 qualifications, functions, or duties of an acupuncturist.

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"(d) Altering or modifying the medical record of any person, with fraudulent

1	intent, or creating any false medical record.		
2	"(e) Failing to maintain adequate and accurate records relating to the provision		
3	of services to their patients."		
4	7. Section 4955.2 of the Code states:		
5	"The board may deny, suspend, revoke, or impose probationary conditions upon the license		
6	of any acupuncturist if he or she is guilty of committing any one of the following:		
7	"(a) Gross negligence.		
8	"(b) Repeated negligent acts.		
9	"(c) Incompetence."		
10	8. California Code of Regulations, title 19, section 1399.453, states:		
11	"An acupuncturist shall keep complete and accurate records on each patient who is given		
12	acupuncture treatment, including but not limited to, treatments given and progress made as a		
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14	<u>COST RECOVERY</u>		
15	9. Section 4959 of the Code states:		
16	"(a) The board may request the administrative law judge, under his or her		
17	proposed decision in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the board, to		
18	direct any licensee found guilty of unprofessional conduct to pay to the board a sum		
19	not to exceed actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of the		
20	case.		
21	"(b) The costs to be assessed shall be fixed by the administrative law judge and		
22	shall not in any event be increased by the board. When the board does not adopt a		
23	proposed decision and remands the case to an administrative law judge, the		
24	administrative law judge shall not increase the amount of any costs assessed in the		
25	proposed decision.		
26	"(c) When the payment directed in the board's order for payment of costs is not		
27	made by the licensee, the board may enforce the order for payment in the superior		
28	court in the county where the administrative hearing was held. This right of		
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1	enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights the board may have as to any	
2	licensee directed to pay costs.	
3	"(d) In any judicial action for the recovery of costs, proof of the board's	
4	decision shall be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the	
5	terms for payment.	
6	"(e) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement	
7	for costs incurred and shall be deposited in the Acupuncture Fund."	
8	FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
9	(Sexual Misconduct)	
10	10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 726 of the Code in that he	
11	committed acts of sexual misconduct with Patients A, B, and S.R. ¹ during acupuncture treatment.	
12	The circumstances are as follows:	
13	Patient A	
14	11. On December 14, 2011 and January 6, 2012, Patient A, an adult female, went to	
15	Respondent's office for acupuncture treatment. Respondent's office is located inside his	
16	residence. Patient A sought treatment for symptoms consistent with Premenstrual Syndrome	
17	("PMS"), liver disharmony, and the need to nourish the Heart and calm the Shen.	
18	12. On December 14, 2011, Respondent covered Patient A's breasts with a scarf. He	
19	asked Patient A for permission to work in between her breasts. She agreed because she thought it	
20	was part of treatment. He massaged between her breasts, down her stomach, and back around her	
21	breasts.	
22	13. On January 6, 2012, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Patient A arrived at Respondent's	
23	office for her scheduled appointment. Respondent invited Patient A to use his hot tub to loosen	
24	her muscles. Patient A entered the hot tub in the nude since she was unprepared with a swimsuit.	
25	Respondent subsequently asked Patient A if he could join her in the hot tub. Patient A agreed to	
26	avoid confrontation.	
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28	¹ The names of the patients are not used to protect their right of privacy.	

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14. Respondent disrobed and entered the hot tub in the nude with Patient A. Respondent asked Patient A if he could work on her shoulders. He stated, "why don't you come over here and let me rub your shoulders?" Patient A declined and informed him that she felt uncomfortable.

4 15. After they got out of the hot tub, Respondent provided treatment to Patient A in one 5 of his treatment rooms. While Patient A lay face down, Respondent massaged her head, neck, shoulders, back, buttocks, and legs. Respondent did not ensure that the sheet covering Patient A was adequately tucked to avoid exposing her private areas when he massaged her buttocks and rotated her leg.

16. Respondent then had Patient A turn around on the table. Respondent exposed her 9 breasts without permission and rubbed around and over her breasts and nipples. 10

11 17. Respondent removed the sheet from Patient A's right leg and bent her right leg and bent it at the knee, and rotated the leg thereby exposing her vagina. Respondent repeated this 12 procedure on her other leg as well. He made no attempt to cover her vagina. 13

14 18. Respondent moved around the table to sit above Patient A and work on her neck. He made no attempt to cover Patient A's upper body. Respondent had a view of Patient A's exposed 15 breasts the entire time that he worked on her neck. 16

19. As Respondent moved around the table, his body would rub up against Patient A's 17 hands. 18

20. While treating Patient A's lower abdomen with acupuncture, Respondent felt around 19 her lower abdomen inappropriately low and asked Patient A "is this your pelvic bone?" The sheet 20 covering Patient A was pulled down to the area above her crotch. 21

21. The treatment lasted approximately two and three quarter hours later and ended at 22 approximately 8:45 p.m. 23

Patient B

22. 25 Patient B is a licensed massage therapist. She was employed by Respondent for approximately six months. Patient B sought treatment from Respondent for neck, upper back, 26 shoulder, and scapula pain. She also had symptoms consistent with PMS. 27

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23. On a date unknown to Patient B but known to Respondent, Respondent gave Patient B a "Thai" massage as part of treatment. He had her sit on a table. He got up on the table and
 positioned himself directly behind her. Patient B attempted to hold a sheet tucked between her
 arms to keep the sheet from falling down. Patient B was nude beneath the sheet.

24. Respondent lifted Patient B's arms over her head causing the sheet covering her
breasts to fall to her waist. Patient B's breasts became exposed. She became very uncomfortable.
She could feel Respondent's body against her. She felt that Respondent's breathing changed when
her breasts were exposed. She felt that he was aroused and his body heated up.

Patient S.R.

9 25. On February 8, 2012, District Attorney Investigator S.R. conducted an undercover
10 operation to determine if Respondent would expose or touch a female patient while providing
11 acupuncture or massage treatments. She went to Respondent's office for treatment regarding
12 shoulder and neck pain associated with S.R.'s fictitious employment. Respondent asked S.R. to
13 remove all her clothes, except her panties, and cover herself with a sheet.

26. Respondent conducted acupuncture treatment while S.R. was lying on her back.
Respondent then asked S.R. to roll over to her stomach to treat her back side. As S.R. was rolling
to her stomach, Respondent lifted the sheet off her body and exposed her breasts.

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(Gross Negligence)

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

27. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under section 4955.2, subdivision
(a) of the Code in that his acts of acts of sexual misconduct with Patients A, B, and S.R. constitute
an extreme departure from the standard of practice.

22 28. The circumstances are as follows: Paragraphs 11 through 26 are incorporated by
23 reference as if fully set forth herein.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

26 29. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under section 4955, subdivision
27 (d) of the Code in that he engaged in unprofessional conduct by breaching the rules or ethical
28 code of conduct of the profession of acupuncture, and by engaging in conduct unbecoming to an

 (e) of the Code and section 1399.453 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regula failed to keep complete and accurate records regarding the medical history of Pati the chief complaints of Patient A and B, and Respondent's care and treatment of P Respondent also failed to sign his treatment notes for both patients. <u>PRAYER</u> 		
 3 30. Paragraphs 11 through 26 are incorporated by reference as if fully set FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE (Inadequate and Inaccurate Records) 31. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under section 495. (e) of the Code and section 1399.453 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regula failed to keep complete and accurate records regarding the medical history of Patient 4 the chief complaints of Patient A and B, and Respondent's care and treatment of P Respondent also failed to sign his treatment notes for both patients. <u>PRAYER</u> 	forth herein.	
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 5 (Inadequate and Inaccurate Records) 6 31. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under section 495. 7 (e) of the Code and section 1399.453 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regula 8 failed to keep complete and accurate records regarding the medical history of Patient 9 the chief complaints of Patient A and B, and Respondent's care and treatment of F 10 Respondent also failed to sign his treatment notes for both patients. 11 <u>PRAYER</u> 		
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and that following the hearing, the Acupuncture Board issue a decision:		
1. Revoking or suspending Acupuncturist License Number AC 13939, issued to Karl		
15 Dako Chang;	Dako Chang;	
16 2. Ordering him to pay the Acupuncture Board the reasonable costs of th	e investigation	
and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4	1959; and	
18 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.	
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21 DATED: 10/23/13 levi Mospinson	L I	
22 TERRI THORFINNSON Executive Officer		
23 Acupuncture Board Department of Consumer Affairs		
State of California		
25 Complainant		
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27 ² See Shea v. Board of Medical Examiners (1978) 81 Cal.App.3d 564, 575.		
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