BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF
CHRISTIAN HUSKINS, PTA 2659

CONSENT ORDER

The Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy ("Board") and Christian Huskins ("Respondent"), PTA License #2659, acknowledge the existence of a controversy regarding whether Respondent has violated the Board’s statutes and rules as described herein. Now the Board and Respondent willingly enter into a Consent Order to resolve the pending controversy.

Whereas, Respondent hereby represents and agrees:

A. Respondent, having read the proposed Consent Order, acknowledges that he has consulted with counsel and now enters into this Consent Order on his own volition and without any reliance upon any representations by the Board or any officer, employee, agent or other representative thereof, other than as expressly set forth herein.

B. Respondent hereby waives any further procedural steps including, without limitation, the right to a hearing and all rights to seek judicial review or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Order.

C. Respondent agrees that the Board will review and determine whether to approve this Consent Order. Furthermore, Respondent agrees that should this Consent Order not be approved by the Board, the presentation and consideration of this Consent Order by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its
members from further participation, consideration or resolution of the matters involved herein at any subsequent hearing.

D. Respondent understands and agrees that approval and entry of this Consent Order shall not preclude additional proceedings by the Board against Respondent for acts or omissions not specifically addressed herein.

E. Respondent understands and acknowledges that this Consent Order and the Board’s records concerning this matter are public records and available to the public pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-101, et seq.

F. This agreement shall not become a valid and enforceable order of this Board unless and until accepted and approved by the Board at an official meeting and executed by the Chair of the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a licensed physical therapist assistant in the State of Arkansas.

2. Patient was employed at The Blossoms at Midtown Rehab & Nursing Center in Little Rock, AR.

3. Respondent documented that he treated patients Armstrong and Bruce on March 25, 2023, and he documented that he treated patient Ives on March 26, 2023.


5. The Blossoms at Midtown Rehab & Nursing Center filed a complaint with the Board regarding Respondent’s actions as described above.

6. In Respondent’s response to the complaint, he wrote, in pertinent part:

   ...I take full responsibility for events that happened during this time period...I’m told my symptoms indicate that I was experiencing some type of acute mental episode due to toxic interactions of supplements....
7. CariAnn Bergner-Moore, Ph.D., evaluated Respondent on June 5, 2023. Dr. Bergner-Moore described Respondent’s medical treatment and plan of care regarding the episode described in Finding of Fact #7. Dr. Bergner-Moore wrote, “[Respondent] appears of sound mind and capable of making appropriate decisions at this time.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8. Respondent’s actions as described in the Findings of Fact 3-5 constitute a violation of:

   a. Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-93-308(a)(3), which permits the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy to take disciplinary action against a licensee who, in the judgment of the Board, is guilty of unprofessional conduct; and

   b. Board Rule VIII(A)(4), which defines “unprofessional conduct” to include charging fraudulent fees for services not performed.

9. Respondent’s actions as described in Findings of Fact 7 constitute a violation of A.C.A. 17-93-308(a)(1) for practicing as a physical therapist “when his... mental abilities are impaired by ...any other causes.”

ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS SO ORDERED THAT:

10. No later than six (6) months from the date of this Order, Respondent shall complete an ethics course and submit to Board staff sufficient documentation of his attendance.
11. Respondent’s physical therapist assistant license is placed on probation for one (1) year from the date of this Order.

12. During his probationary period, Board staff shall contact Respondent every two months, and Respondent shall promptly provide information regarding his mental health, treatment progress, and work situation.

13. Respondent shall continue to follow the advice of his healthcare professionals to prevent a recurrence of the mental episode described in Finding of Fact #6.

14. The Board shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of implementing and enforcing this Consent Agreement, and Respondent’s failure to comply with any term or condition of this Consent Agreement shall constitute grounds to impose disciplinary action pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 17-93-301 et seq.

Christian Huskins, Respondent

Rob Jordan, Chairman
AR State Board of Physical Therapy

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