BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF
CHRISTOPHER MARSHALL

CONSENT ORDER

An allegation that Christopher Marshall, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, violated the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy Practice Act, was received by the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy, hereinafter referred to as the Board. In lieu of a formal hearing on these issues and in the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of the above-captioned matter, consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements and the responsibilities of the Board, the undersigned parties enter into this Consent Order as a final disposition of this matter. The Respondent admits the following Findings of Fact, and does not contest the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

2. On September 5, 2014 a patient at Searcy Physical Therapy reported missing medication. On September 9, 2014 Respondent confessed to taking the medication and stated he is addicted to pain medication. Respondent was terminated from Searcy Physical Therapy on September 10, 2014.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-93-309 and § 17-93-311, the Board has subject matter and personal jurisdiction in this matter.

2. Based upon the above findings of fact, Respondent is guilty of violating Ark. Code Ann. § 17-93-308(a)(3), unprofessional conduct.

ORDER

1. It is therefore ordered that Respondent’s license be placed on probation for two years from the effective date of this Consent Order and he may only practice in settings with on-site supervision during that two-year period.

2. Respondent will submit to random drug testing for two years at Respondent’s expense with a testing agency chosen by Respondent and
approved by the Board. Respondent shall provide documentation of compliance as requested by the Board. Respondent’s failure to provide documentation of compliance as required by this Consent Order shall be an infraction of this Consent Order.

3. Any infraction of state laws, regulations, this Consent Order or a positive drug screen during the Respondent’s period of probation will result in revocation of Respondent’s license.

Furthermore, Respondent understands that this Consent Order is not effective until its acceptance by the Board. Respondent consents to the ex parte presentation of the Consent Order to the Board. Should this Consent Order not be approved by the Board, Respondent agrees that the presentation and consideration of this Consent Order by the Board shall not constitute a basis for disqualification of the Board or any of its members from further participation in this matter, including a formal hearing.

Respondent acknowledges his right to consult with counsel and voluntarily agrees to enter into this Consent Order on his own volition and without any reliance upon any representations by the Board or any representative thereof, other than expressly set forth herein. Respondent hereby waives any further procedural steps including, without limitation, his right to a hearing and all rights to seek judicial review or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity or enforceability of this Consent Order.

Christopher Marshall, Respondent  
11/17/14  
Date

Rob Hill, Chairman  
Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy  
11/20/14  
Date