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In the Matter of
CYNTHIA L. SPRAGG, PTA
License No. A3294
Respondent

* **LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF**
* **PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS**
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* Case Number 2004-I-

CONSENT ORDER

Respondent Cynthia L. Spragg, P.T.A., filed an application for renewal of her Louisiana physical therapist assistant license for 2005 with the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners dated October 16, 2004. Attached to that application was the Continuing Education Renewal Summary Form which is required of all applicants to document completion of legally required continuing education units. Respondent's application was one of those selected for audit of continuing education (CE) units and an inquiry was made to the sole provider of continuing education listed on Respondent's CE submission. That provider responded, eventually in affidavit form, that Respondent had attended a session on August 15, 2004, but had left after three hours and got no credit for the course. He also indicated that Respondent did not attend the course offered on October 3, 2004, and therefore received no continuing education units for either course. Respondent, along with attorney Katherine Caraway, participated in an Informal Conference at Board offices on September 22, 2005 with Board Member Pat Adams, Executive Director Cheryl Gaudin and Board Counsel Glenn Ducote participating.

FINDING OF FACT

Respondent provided information which she knew to be false on her Continuing Education Renewal Summary Form as part of her application to renew her physical therapist assistant license for 2005.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent actively misrepresented information provided as part of her license renewal application for 2005, which is in violation of La. R.S. 37:2413A(2).
2. Since Respondent had no other continuing education credits during 2004, she has failed to meet the requirement of Rule 169 for 1.2 credits of continuing education for the issuance of her license for 2005, which license was issued in reliance on her continuing education report, as required by Rule 171.

DECISION

Pursuant to the foregoing Finding of Fact and Conclusions of Law, Respondent and the Board, by vote of quorum, agree as follows:

- A. Respondent's license is placed on probation until January 1, 2007. When, during that
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probationary period, Respondent works or provides services as a physical therapist assistant, the physical therapist supervising her work shall report in writing to the Board Executive Director on a quarterly basis on Respondent's professional performance as a physical therapist assistant.

B. Respondent shall complete twelve hours of clinical physical therapy continuing education by December 31, 2005 for those units which were required during 2004. Respondent shall complete an additional twelve hours of clinical physical therapy continuing education by December 31, 2005 for those units which were required during 2005. None of these continuing education requirements may be met with school course work credits.

C. Respondent shall reimburse the Board in the amount of \$750 for legal and administrative expenses incurred in this matter, said payment to be made to the Board within thirty days of the signing of this Consent Order by Respondent.

D. The probationary period provided in paragraph A. above shall be suspended during any time when Respondent is not working or regularly providing services as a physical therapist assistant. Respondent will notify the Board Executive Director in writing when she is working or providing services as a physical therapist assistant and will provide the name and contact information for her supervising physical therapist(s). A copy of this Consent Order shall be provided by Respondent to any physical therapist who provides supervision to Respondent.

E. Respondent's failure to comply with any term of this Consent Order shall constitute just cause for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's license as a Physical Therapist Assistant under the auspices of this Board, and may subject her to any other disciplinary action within the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

F. Respondent declares that, before signing this Consent Order, she has carefully read this document, understands the contents, freely consents to it as valid and binding upon her. She is aware of her right to a formal hearing and she waives that right. She has been represented by, and consulted with, counsel in these proceedings.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED on this 26 day of Dec, 2005.



Cynthia L. Spragg

AGREED AND ACCEPTED by official action of the Board, the 22nd day of September, 2005 at Lafayette, Louisiana.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS



Charles Reynolds, D.T., Chair

