
In the Matter of
CARLOS SNELLGROVE
License No 00133
Respondent

* LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
* PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS
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* Case Number 2001-I68

CONSENT ORDER

Respondent undertook to treat Complainant on September 24, 2001 upon physician referral after surgery. After approximately six weeks of treatment at Respondent's Franklin clinic, Complainant terminated treatment and, shortly thereafter, filed a complaint with the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, asserting that she did not receive proper evaluation or supervision of her treatment by Respondent and that virtually all of her care was provided by a Physical Therapy Assistant and a physical therapy aide without the guidance and supervision required of Respondent as the sole Physical Therapist on the premises.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Interviews with Complainant, her aunt who brought her to treatment, and Respondent, and review of documents related to evaluation and treatment of Complainant establish that: a.) Respondent did not provide an appropriate hands-on evaluation and treatment plan for Complainant before beginning treatment; b.) Respondent failed to adequately supervise support personnel in the provision of care to Complainant; c.) Respondent failed to treat and re-assess the patient on at least every sixth visit; and d.) Respondent failed to perform a discharge summary.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. It is required that a licensed Physical Therapist perform an evaluation and set up a written treatment plan on each patient prior to implementation of treatment. La. R.S. 37:2410C; and Rules and Regulations, LAC Title 46, Sections 305A, 321A(1)(b) and 323A(2). Respondent failed to perform an adequate evaluation and prepare a written treatment plan.

2. It is required that a licensed Physical Therapist treat and reassess a patient on at least every sixth visit. LAC Title 46, Section 321A(1)(d) and 323A(4). Respondent did not treat and reassess Complainant on at least every sixth visit.

3. It is required that a licensed Physical Therapist assess the final treatment to the patient at discharge and write a discharge summary. LAC Title 46, Section 321A(1)(e) and 323A(6). Respondent did not perform a discharge assessment nor did he write a discharge summary.

4. It is required that a licensed Physical Therapist adequately supervise treatment provided through support personnel. LAC Title 46, Section 321A&C. Respondent did not adequately

supervise the Physical Therapy Assistant and Physical Therapy Technician providing treatment to Complainant.

DECISION

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

A. Respondent is placed on Probation through October 24, 2004.

B. Respondent shall fully cooperate with a monitor designated by the Board Chair, who shall be given full access to Respondent's clinic and office premises and the right to review patient records created after the date of this Consent Order for compliance with legal requirements. This comprehensive monitoring shall be in effect for at least six months from the date of this agreement and longer if deemed advisable by the Board Chair. During the remainder of Respondent's probationary period, the monitor shall make random, unannounced visits for continued review of Respondent's practice procedures.

C. Within six months of the date of this agreement, Respondent shall complete continuing education courses on evaluation techniques and on documentation, which courses shall be approved in advance by the Board chair. These courses are in addition to required annual continuing education units.

D. Respondent shall by December 1, 2002 pay to the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners the sum of \$2,000 as reimbursement for legal and administrative expenses incurred in this matter.

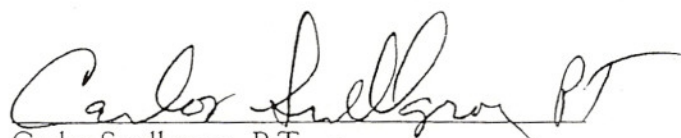
E. Respondent shall attend a presentation made by Board representatives to new Physical Therapist graduates in New Orleans or Shreveport during January, February or March of 2003.

F. Respondent shall meet with the Board as requested at any time during his probationary period.

G. 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 under the auspices of this Board, or for any other disciplinary action within the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

H. Respondent declares that, before signing this Consent Order, he has carefully read this document, understands the contents, and freely consents to it as valid and binding upon him. He is aware of his right to a formal hearing and he freely waives that right. He has had the benefit of representation by legal counsel and has discussed the terms of this agreement fully with his counsel.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED on this 24th day of October, 2002, at Lafayette, Louisiana.


Carlos Snellgrove, P.T.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED by official action of the Board, the 24th day of October, 2002,
at Lafayette, Louisiana.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
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