



State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS
Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

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In the Matter of
NONA SHERIDAN , P.T.
License No. 00526
Respondent

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CONSENT ORDER

ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO.
2000-02

A Formal Evidentiary Hearing was scheduled before the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (the "Board") on May 25, 2000, to address alleged, specific violations of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Practice Act by the Respondent, Nona Sheridan, P.T. ("Sheridan"), to-wit: "practicing physical therapy in violation of the provisions of this Chapter and any rules and regulations promulgated thereto in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act," LSA R.S. 37:2413A(1); violating provisions of the Physical Therapy Practice Act, LSA R.S. 37:2402A, 37:2407A, 37:2414(2); and for violating the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board, Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Sections 165A, 307A and 325 et seq.

In attendance, at the Pre-hearing Conference were Respondent, Nona Sheridan, P.T.; the Complainant, Becky Lege', P.T.; and Michael A. Tomino, Jr., attorney for Board.

Upon consideration and discussion and evidence presented at the Conference and thereafter to the Board, this Consent Order, effective May 25, 2000, is voluntarily entered into by and between Respondent, Nona Sheridan, P.T. and the Board which was comprised of Sharon Toups, Pat Adams and Gail Pearce for the purposes of this proceeding.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Nona Sheridan, P.T., was a physical therapist possessing Louisiana License No. 00526 issued by the Board to practice physical therapy in the State of Louisiana in 1999 pursuant to the Physical Therapy Practice Act of Louisiana, LSA R.S. 37:2401 et seq.
2. Respondent failed to timely renew her license for the calendar year of 2000.
3. Respondent failed to annually renew on or before December, 31, 1999, by failing to submit to the Board the renewal fee prescribed by the Board's Rules and

Regulations. Respondent's check was received by the Board on or about January 3, 2000, however, the check was returned "NSF."

4. Respondent practiced physical therapy while employed at Lagniappe Hospital beginning on or about January 3, 2000, through January 5, 2000.

5. Respondent practiced physical therapy in the State of Louisiana without a license issued by the Board beginning January 3, 2000, through January 5, 2000.

6. Respondent failed to timely renew her license to practice physical therapy for the calendar year 2000 in violation of the Physical Therapy Practice Act of Louisiana and the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7. Respondent unlawfully practiced, held herself out, or designated herself, as a physical therapist without a license duly issued by the Board. LSA R.S. 37:2402A, 37:2414(2) and 37:2413A(1); and Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Sections 307A and 325 et seq.

8. Respondent unlawfully practiced physical therapy without timely renewing her 2000 license prior to the deadline establish by law for such renewal. LSA R.S. 37:2407A and 37:2413A(1); and Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Sections 165A and 325 et seq.

9. Respondent's violations of the provisions of the Physical Therapy Practice Act of Louisiana and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereto constitute lawful grounds for the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, upon due notice of hearing and proof of such violations, to suspend or revoke Respondent's license or other disciplinary action as provided by law. LSA R.S. 37:2402A, 37:2407A, 37:2414(2) and 37:2413A(1); and Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Sections 165A, 307A and 325 et seq.

DECISION

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, Respondent and the Board, by vote of the quorum, mutually agree to the following:

1. Respondent shall pay \$250.00 lump sum to the Board as an agreed upon fine in this matter.

2. Within five (5) days of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit a signed Affidavit to the Board that she has read the Physical Therapy Practice Act of Louisiana and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereto.

3. Respondent shall pay the costs associated with this proceeding.

4. Respondent's failure to comply with any of the terms of this Order shall be deemed just cause for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's licensure, or any other disciplinary action, as if such violation were enumerated among the causes provided in LSA R.S. 37:2413 and the Rules and Regulations by the Board.

5. The existence and terms of this Consent Order will not be confidential or privileged information.

6. Respondent hereby releases the Board, its representatives and attorney from any obligations or liability in their endeavors to administer this Consent Order.

7. The effective date of this Consent Order shall be May 25, 2000, if Respondent executes and returns the Consent Order to the Board within five (5) days of her receipt of same.

8. Upon timely receipt by the Board of Respondent's signed Consent Order, payment of the \$250.00 fine, payment of costs associated with this proceedings, and Affidavit that she has read the Physical Therapy Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations, the Board shall thereafter issue a license to practice physical therapy to Respondent for 2000.

9. Upon Respondent timely complying with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 8, her licensure to practice physical therapy for 2000 shall be considered renewed and reinstated effective January 1, 2000.

10. Respondent declares that, before signing this Consent Order, she has carefully read this document, she knows and understands the contents thereof, she signs it as an act of her own free will, she understands its meaning and effect, she has had the opportunity to retain counsel if she so chose, she waives all rights to a formal public hearing and she consents to this Order.

THUS DONE AND PASSED, on the 24th day of May, 2000, at the City of Shreveport, Parish of Caddo, Louisiana., in the presence of the two undersigned competent witnesses, who hereunto sign their names with Appearer and me, Notary, after due reading of the whole.

WITNESSES:

Mary Kay Hill
Deborah Johnson

Nona Sheridan P.T.
Nona Sheridan, P.T.

Dea R Coleman

Notary Public



OFFICIAL SEAL
DELA R. COLEMAN
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CADDO
My Commission Expires with life

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED this 24th day of May, 2000.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

Sharon Toups P.T.
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