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# State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

Charlotte F. Martin, M.P.A. Executive Director

# Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

IN THE MATTER OF

**KELLY CAMPBELL, PT** 

LICENSE NO. 09533R

CONSENT ORDER

NUMBER: 2024-I-024

#### CONSENT ORDER

KELLY CAMPBELL ("Ms. Campbell" or "Respondent") is a Physical Therapist ("PT"), as evidenced by License No. 09533R, and is subject to the jurisdiction and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:2401, et seq.), and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board ("LPTB" or "Board") (LAC 46:LIV §103, et seq.), and enters in the following agreement relative to Complaint No. 2024-I024.

## FACTUAL BASIS FOR CONSENT ORDER

- 1. On September 17, 2024, the Board received a report indicating that Respondent was arrested on September 4, 2024, for unlawful to knowingly/intentionally possess Sch. IV CDS without a prescription, theft, and prohibited acts; false representation.
- 2. On September 18, 2024, the Investigative Committee issued Ms. Campbell a notice letter requesting her written statement concerning the incident addressed above.
- 3. On October 8, 2024, the Investigative Committee received her written statement for review. Ms. Campbell stated that she was currently in in-patient rehab due to recent legal trouble and "...would provide a full explanation of this matter." However, no additional information was provided by Ms. Campbell.
- 4. On October 16, 2024, the Investigative Committee issued Ms. Campbell a follow-up letter in response to her statement requesting completion of an authorization form for the release of her medical information from the treatment center where she was currently receiving

- treatment as indicated in her written statement. On November 14, 2024, the board office received the signed release form; however, the name of the treatment facility was not listed.
- 5. In review of treatment records received from the treatment facility, it was documented that Ms. Campbell was in rehab in North Carolina and was sober 4 months in 2023 and went to an Intensive Outpatient Program. It was also noted that Ms. Campbell was arrested for possession of Klonopin and child endangerment, as well as a DUI and related to being drunk and disorderly. The board office has no record of self-reports of these arrests, which is required by board rule.
- 6. Further, in response to questions on Ms. Campbell's renewal application forms, she failed to disclose all of her arrests, denied that she exhibited any conduct or behavior that could call into question her ability to practice physical therapy or care for patients, and that she engaged in the consumption, ingestion, self-administration...of legally controlled substances or medications, which affect the central nervous system, other than pursuant to and used in accordance with a lawful prescription and/or medical advice.
- 7. Following an Informal Conference held on December 12, 2024, Ms. Campbell was directed to attend a conference with the manager of the Board's Recovering Physical Therapy Program ("RPTP") for the RPTP manager to make recommendations regarding the next steps in her case. After her meeting with the RPTP manager, it was recommended to the Investigative Committee that Ms. Campbell undergo an inpatient evaluation to address her fitness and ability to practice physical therapy with reasonable skill and safety to patients. Thus, in accordance with LAC 46:LIV §351(C) and §353, Ms. Campbell was directed by the Executive Director of the Board to submit to an inpatient evaluation at a provider recognized by the Board to address the issues raised by the Investigative Committee during the conference no later than March 21, 2025.
- 8. On March 17, 2025, Ms. Campbell was admitted to Victory Addiction Recovery Center for a three-day in-patient evaluation. On March 20, 2025, Ms. Campbell was discharged with the following recommendations:
  - 1. Sign and follow a five-year Monitoring Contract.
  - 2. Complete a board approved inpatient treatment program for chemically dependent professionals and follow the recommendations of the treatment team.
  - 3. Kelly Campbell is not fit to return to duty as a physical therapist until she has completed treatment, has a continuing care plan in place, has signed a program agreement, and has been determined by her treating addictionologist to be fit to return to duty.
  - 4. She should not use any potentially addictive substances including alcohol, illicit drugs, or prescription medications. If a healthcare provider determines a prescription of a potentially addictive substance is needed for her treatment, she should disclose this information to the board.
- 9. Based on the above allegations, on April 2, 2025, an Order of Summary Suspension was signed by the Board's Executive Director, pursuant to authority granted her by the Board, and filed in the captioned matter, summarily suspending the license of Ms. Campbell pending a hearing before the Board, scheduled for May 7, 2025.

#### VIOLATIONS RELATED TO RESPONDENT'S CONDUCT

Respondent's conduct described above and otherwise reviewed in this action is subject to and/or in violation of the following provisions of law regarding the practice of physical therapy:

- 1. La R.S. 37:2420(A)(1) After due notice and hearing, the board may refuse to license any applicant, or may refuse to renew the license of any person, or may restrict, suspend, or revoke any license upon proof that the person has: (5) Been habitually intemperate or abused controlled dangerous substances as defined by federal or Louisiana law;
- 2. La R.S. 37:2420(A)(2) After due notice and hearing, the board may refuse to license any applicant, or may refuse to renew the license of any person, or may restrict, suspend, or revoke any license upon proof that the person has: (2) Attempted to or obtained a license by fraud or misrepresentation.
- 3. La. R.S. 37:2420(A)(5) After due notice and hearing, the board may refuse to license any applicant, or may refuse to renew the license of any person, or may restrict, suspend, or revoke any license upon proof that the person has: (5) Been habitually intemperate or abused controlled dangerous substances as defined by federal or Louisiana law;
- 4. LAC 46:LIV §345(B)(15) failure to notify the board of a felony arrest or arrest related to habitual intemperance as defined in §351, institution of formal criminal charges either by indictment or bill of information, and conviction, including, but not limited to, a guilty plea or a plea of nolo contendere, within seven days of such arrest, criminal charge, or conviction;
- 5. LAC 46:LIV §345(B)(1)(a) As used in R.S. 37:2420(A)(7) of the Practice Act and in these rules, the term unprofessional conduct does not require actual injury to a patient, and includes, but is not limited to, the following: (1) departure from, failure to conform to, or failure to perform on a continuing basis to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing physical therapy practice as defined in §123, or the commission of any act contrary to honesty, justice, good morals, patient safety or the best interest of the patient, whether committed in the course of the licensees practice or otherwise, regardless of whether actual injury to a patient results therefrom, including, but not limited to: (a) failure to use sound professional judgment;
- 6. LAC 46:LIV §347(A)(1)(2) A person who "attempts to or attains a license by fraud or misrepresentation," as used in R.S. 2420.A (2) of the Practice Act, includes a person who: (1) makes any representation to the board, knowingly or unknowingly, which is in fact false or misleading as to a material fact or omits to state any fact or matter that is material to an application for a license under Chapter 1 of these rules; or (2) makes any representation, or fails to make a representation or engages in any act or omission, the result of which is false, deceptive, fraudulent, or misleading in achieving or obtaining any of the qualifications for a license required by Chapter 1 of these rules.
- 7. LAC 46:LIV §351(A)(1)(2) As used in R.S. 37:2420.A (5) of the Practice Act, "habitually intemperate" means: (1) repeated excessive use or abuse of alcohol; or (2) the ingestion, self-administration, or other use of legally controlled substances or medications which affect the central nervous system, other than pursuant to and used in accordance with a lawful prescription and/or medical advice;

- 8. LAC 46:LIV §351(B) As used in R.S. 37:2420.A of the Practice Act, the phrase "abused controlled dangerous substances as defined by federal or Louisiana law" means physiological or psychological dependence on any legally controlled substance or medication with a potential for inducing physiological or psychological dependence or tolerance;
- 9. LAC 46:LIV §379 (A) In accordance with La. R.S. 49:961, if the board finds that public health, safety, and welfare require emergency action and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, a summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for suspension, revocation or other action. Such proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined.

### ORDER

Pursuant to the foregoing Factual Basis for Consent Order and Violations Related to Respondent's Conduct, and, in order to avoid further administrative and judicial proceedings, Respondent and the Board, by vote of quorum, agree as follows:

- 1. Respondent's Physical Therapist license is SUSPENDED until such time that Respondent completes a board approved inpatient treatment program for chemically dependent professionals and follows the recommendations of the treatment team. Respondent is not fit to return to duty as a physical therapist until she has completed treatment, has a continuing care plan in place, has signed a program agreement, and has been determined by her treating addictionologist to be fit to return to duty. The evaluation report(s) and/or discharge summary must be sent directly to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board upon completion for review. The respondent's license will remain suspended until completion of the board approved inpatient treatment program for chemically dependent professionals and receipt by the Board of an evaluation report stating that Respondent is safe to return to the practice of physical therapy with reasonable skill and safety to the public;
- 2. If individual therapy/treatment is recommended by the treatment team following the inpatient treatment program for chemically dependent professionals, the individual treatment provider must meet the LPTB Criteria for Individual Treatment Providers. Respondent shall sign all necessary medical release forms for any reports and any treatment discharge summaries to be released directly to the individual treatment provider. Participant agrees to allow the LPTB to send a copy of this Consent Order to the individual treatment provider. Individual therapy reports shall be sent directly to the LPTB from the individual therapy provider on a quarterly basis, to be received no later than the 15th of January, April, July, and October;
- Once Respondent's license is reinstated after the suspension period set forth at Paragraph 1, above, Respondent's license shall be on probation for a minimum of five (5) years. Respondent shall submit to the Board Executive Director in writing not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to completion of the probationary period a request for a letter from the Board formally acknowledging the close of the probationary period. Respondent's probationary period concludes upon receipt by Respondent of a letter from the Board

- acknowledging the close of the probationary period and a final exit interview with the Board to be scheduled by the Board Executive Director;
- 4. During the suspension and probationary period, the respondent shall participate in the Recovering Physical Therapy Program ("RPTP") and follow all terms and conditions set forth in the RPTP Participation Agreement.
- During the probationary period, the Board may make random unannounced monitoring visits to Respondent's work site. In the event of a monitoring visit, Respondent shall fully cooperate with the Board representative making the visit and Respondent shall provide complete access to her place of employment, employment and/or business records, patient treatment and billing records, and all other documentation necessary for a full legal compliance review. Respondent shall reimburse the Board for expenses related to the monitoring visit as invoiced and must be paid within 30 days of receipt of invoice;
- Order to her employer(s), direct supervisor(s), and any physical therapist(s), physical therapist assistant(s), or physical therapy technician(s) who are supervised by, work for, or contract with Respondent at any business, including, but not limited to, any business(es) Respondent owns, operates or manages before providing physical therapy services and shall have such person(s) notify the Executive Director in writing that she has received and reviewed a copy of this Consent Order prior to Respondent providing physical therapy services. Respondent shall do this also with any new or subsequent employer(s), direct supervisor(s), physical therapist(s), physical therapist assistant(s), or physical therapy technician(s) during the probationary period;
- 7. The five-year probation period shall be extended for any period of time in which Respondent is not employed as a physical therapist within the State of Louisiana and regularly working at least an aggregate over the month that is at least eighty (80) hours per month. If Respondent ceases to be regularly employed as a physical therapist in Louisiana, he shall notify the Executive Director in writing within ten (10) calendar days of the last date he has practiced physical therapy in Louisiana. Likewise, if Respondent returns to work as a physical therapist within the State of Louisiana, he shall notify the Executive Director in writing within ten (10) calendar days of his return to practice;
- 8. Ms. Campbell shall pay the Board the sum of \$4,204.24 in partial reimbursement for legal and administrative expenses incurred in this matter. Failure to reimburse associated fees will require the Board to take further action in collection of this debt. Respondent has twenty-four (24) months to reimburse the expenses before the debt will be considered final and transferred to the Louisiana Office of Debt Recovery (ODR). After transfer, the debt is subject to an additional collection fee of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total debt liability, as provided for in La. R.S. 47:1676(E);
- 9. Respondent shall comply with La R.S. 37:2415(B) and notify the Executive Director of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board in writing and prior to a change of residence to another country, state, or jurisdiction. Upon relocation, all provisions of this Consent Order, except Paragraph 8 pertaining to reimbursement of legal and administrative expenses, are

- suspended until Respondent again resides within Louisiana, notifies the Executive Director of her Louisiana residence, and receives written confirmation from the Executive Director;
- 10. Respondent shall meet with the Board, or with the Board's representative, whenever requested during the probationary period, and shall fully cooperate in providing information and documents requested in such meetings;
- 11. Respondent shall have reliable access to a computer, internet, and telephone. In accordance with Board Rule §385, Respondent shall provide to the Executive Director her preferred telephone number and/or email address in writing for expedited communications regarding compliance with this Board Order within forty-eight (48) hours of signing the Consent Order. Respondent shall reply to Board emails and telephone calls within four (4) hours of such communication. Respondent shall notify the Executive Director in writing of any change to her preferred telephone number and/or email address immediately upon such change;
- 12. Respondent declares that, before signing this Consent Order, she is of sound mind has carefully read this document, understands the contents, and freely consents to it as valid and binding upon her. She is aware of her right to a notice of hearing, to a formal administrative hearing and to judicial review of an administrative finding, and freely waives those rights. Further, she has had the opportunity to be represented by legal counsel in this matter and in the negotiation of this Agreement;
- 13. Respondent acknowledges that her failure to comply with any term of this Consent Order is a basis for the immediate summary suspension of her license and for further disciplinary action by the Board;
- 14. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Order only addresses the specific violations outlined above;
- 15. Respondent authorizes the Investigating Committee, and legal counsel assisting the Investigating Board Members, to present this Consent Order to the full Board for its consideration and to fully disclose and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation, including in executive session and in her absence. Respondent waives any objection to such disclosures under La. R.S. 49:960 and expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board shall be without prejudice to the Investigative Board Member's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint against her, or to the Board's capacity, as currently comprised, or any future composition of the Board, to adjudicate such Complaint, should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order. Should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order, Respondent retains all rights to due process including, but not limited to, her right to have notice of any allegations or charges against her, to administrative adjudication of such allegations or charges, and to a subsequent final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law;
- 16. Respondent acknowledges that presentation to and consideration by the Board of this Consent Agreement, including presented documentary evidence and information, shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice or preclude the Board, or any of its members, as the Board is currently constituted, or any future appointments to the Board, from further participation in hearings or resolution to these proceedings;

- 17. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Order becomes effective only upon signature by the Board Chair; and
- Respondent acknowledges that all communication(s) regarding compliance with and/or 18. fulfillment of the requirements of this Consent Order shall be in writing between Respondent and the Board Executive Director. No verbal communication(s) shall be

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I, KELLY CAMPBELL, have read the	nis Consent Order, understand it, and agree to be
bound by its terms and conditions.	
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	KELLY CAMPBELL
SWORN TO and subscribed before me	e, Notary Public this day of fig. 2025,
in 5/1000 Louisiana.	
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