
In the Matter of
MARY KATHERINE AYERS, PTA
License No. A6374R
Respondent

* LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
* PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS
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* Case Number 2004I27

CONSENT ORDER

Respondent was employed to provide patient care as a physical therapist assistant at Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital in New Orleans. She previously worked in Tennessee and has been working in Louisiana for a few months. Faced with a backlog of patient treatment, Respondent went to her place of employment on a Sunday afternoon to administer treatment to patients. There was no physical therapist on duty. Upon learning on Monday of Respondent's unsupervised weekend patient care, the supervising physical therapist notified the Board of the violation. Respondent participated in an Informal Conference in Baton Rouge on January 12, 2005 with Board Member Chuck Reynolds, Executive Director Cheryl Gaudin and Board Counsel Glenn Ducote participating

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent provided patient treatments at Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital on Sunday, May 30, 2004 when no physical therapist was on duty and therefore was working without supervision as required by the Physical Therapy Practice Act and Board Rules.
2. Respondent's supervisor, upon learning that unsupervised treatments had been provided by a physical therapist assistant, promptly self-reported the incident to the Board.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. Respondent worked providing patient care as a physical therapist assistant without supervision by a physical therapist as required by La. R. S. 37:2410C and Rule 321A.

DECISION

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

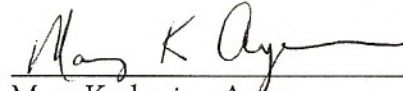
- A. Respondent will receive a reprimand in her Board licensure file;
- B. Respondent will take the Louisiana jurisprudence course offered by the Board during 2005 as part of her required continuing education;
- C. Respondent shall reimburse the Board in the amount of \$250 for legal and administrative

expenses incurred in this matter, said payment to be made to the Board in two payments of \$125 each to be completed within ninety days of the signing of this Consent Order by Respondent.

D. 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, and may subject her to any other disciplinary action within the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

E. 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 informed of her right to seek counsel and hereby waives that right.

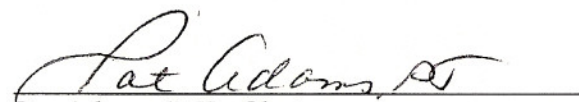
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED on this 4th day of April, 2005.



Mary Katherine Ayers

AGREED AND ACCEPTED by official action of the Board, the 20th day of January, 2005 at Lafayette, Louisiana.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS



Pat Adams, P.T., Chair

MARY KATHERINE AYERS, PTA

- A. Reprimand in file
- B. Take LA jurisprudence course offered by Board during 2005 as part of required continuing education
- C. Reimburse the Board \$250 within 90 days of March 1st, 2005
- D. Failure to comply with any term shall constitute just cause for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's license as a PTA.

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