In the Matter of
MARIETTA THOMSON, P.T.
License No. 04834; and
BILLY HOLMES, P.T.A.
License No. #4439
Respondents

\* LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF

\* PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Case Number 2002-I22

## **CONSENT ORDER**

Respondents are employed by Willis Knighton Pierremont Health Center in the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Institute. Marietta Thomson was the supervising Physical Therapist and Billy Holmes was the P.T.A. designated to provide certain patient care. A complaint was received based on review of patient medical records which indicated possible breach of supervision and documentation requirements of Board rules and regulations. Respondents and their supervisor, Ron Wehlander, were notified of the allegations of non-compliance and respondents were requested to participate in an informal conference with Board Member Chuck Reynolds. Executive Director Cheryl Gaudin and Board Counsel Glenn Ducote.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

Respondents acknowledge that there was a failure to have the Physical Therapist "treat and reassess the patient and document on at least every sixth visit." The system put in place by their employer was not complied with and this omission occurred. It appears that respondents were not in violation with regard to other alleged omissions and errors in documentation. Respondent Holmes has been disciplined by his employer for this omission and a new, more rigorous, system has been implemented to assure future compliance.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Board Rule 321A(1)(d) requires that a Physical Therapist "treat and reassess the patient and document on at least every sixth visit" when a Physical Therapist Assistant is carrying out a plan of treatment. Respondents failed to meet this requirement.

## DECISION

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

A. A reprimand shall be placed in the licensure file of each Respondent for their role in failing to comply with the supervision and documentation requirements of Board Rule 321A(1)(d);

B. Each Respondent shall, by March 1, 2003, pay to the Louisiana State Board of Physical



Therapy Examiners the sum of \$200 as reimbursement for legal and administrative expenses incurred in this disciplinary matter.

- E. Respondents' failure to comply with any term of this Consent Order shall constitute just cause for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's license under the auspices of this Board, or for any other disciplinary action within the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.
- F. Respondents declare that, before signing this Consent Order, he/she has carefully read this document, understands the contents, and freely consents to it as valid and binding upon him/her. They are aware of their right to a formal hearing and to representation by counsel and he/she freely waives those rights.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2003, at Shreveport, Louisiana.

Matrietta Thomson, P.T.

Billy Holmes, P.T.A.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED by official action of the Board on the  $22^{nd}\,$  day of January, 2003, at Lafayette, Louisiana.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

Pat Adams P.T. Chair