

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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IN THE MATTER OF ) NO. 07-012  
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WENDY RENEE HANSEN, ) **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND**  
 ) **FINAL ORDER**  
 Respondent )

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COME NOW the Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy (hereinafter “the Board”) and Respondent Wendy R. Hansen and hereby enter into this Settlement Agreement and Final Order pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10(2) (2007), 272C.3(4) and 645 IAC 12.1.

1. Hansen was originally licensed to practice as a physical therapy assistant in the state of Iowa on May 11, 1999, and holds license number 00646.
2. A Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges was filed against Hansen on September 5, 2008.
3. The Board has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of the Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges.
4. Execution of this Settlement Agreement and Final Order constitutes the resolution of this contested case. By entering into this Settlement Agreement and Final Order, Hansen admits the allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges and voluntarily waives any rights to a contested hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to judicial review. Once entered, this Order shall have the force and effect of a disciplinary order entered following a contested case hearing.
5. This Settlement Agreement and Final Order is voluntarily submitted by Hansen to the Board for consideration.

6. Hansen acknowledges that she has a right to be represented by counsel in this matter.

7. Hansen agrees that the State's counsel may present this Settlement Agreement and Final Order to the Board.

8. This Settlement Agreement and Final Order must be approved by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Settlement Agreement and Final Order it shall be of no force or effect to either party.

9. Hansen understands that this Order is a public record and is therefore, subject to inspection and copying by members of the public.

10. This Order shall be part of Hansen's permanent record and shall be considered by the Board in determining the nature and severity of any disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of future violations.

11. Any failure by Hansen to comply with the terms and conditions of this Order may subject her to further licensee disciplinary action by the Board.

12. The Board's approval of this Settlement Agreement and Final Order shall constitute a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

13. Hansen's license to practice as a physical therapy assistant is indefinitely suspended pending receipt of a mental health evaluation from a board approved provider. Hansen must obtain Board approval before scheduling an appointment with a provider for the purpose of satisfying this obligation. Prior to evaluation, the provider shall be supplied with the Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and the investigative file in this contested case. Hansen is responsible for all costs associated with this evaluation. The provider shall forward

directly to the Board an evaluation report. The evaluation report shall include a recommendation as to whether Hansen should be further evaluated or receive treatment and any restrictions or limitations that should be imposed on Hansen's practice. Hansen shall comply with the recommendations of the provider and agree to limit practice pursuant to the report. Hansen shall sign a release which (a) will enable the Board to freely communicate with individuals involved in her evaluation and treatment, and (b) provide full access by the Board to all records maintained with respect to such evaluation and treatment.

14. During the period of time Hansen's license is suspended, Hansen shall not hold herself out to be a licensed physical therapist assistant under her Iowa license and shall not perform any activities in Iowa for which a license to practice as a physical therapist assistant is required.

15. Upon fulfillment of the provisions stated above, Hansen's license to practice as a physical therapy assistant shall be placed on probation for a period of one year and shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

a. Hansen shall comply with all treatment recommendations that may result from the mental health evaluation completed pursuant to paragraph thirteen.

b. Hansen will immediately submit a copy of this document to her employer for review. The employer will provide the board with quarterly reports describing Hansen's activities and level of competence as well as ability to professionally interact with patients and coworkers. Hansen will abide by any work place practice restrictions imposed by the employer.

c. Hansen shall complete 10 hours of Board-approved continuing education in the area of ethics in addition to the requirements found in 645 IAC 207 within six months of the

entry of this order. Hansen must obtain Board approval before enrolling in any course taken for the purpose of satisfying this obligation.

d. Hansen shall remit to the Board a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) within ninety days of the date of the execution of this Settlement Agreement and Final Order.

e. Hansen will obey all federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations governing the practice of physical therapy assistants.

**This settlement agreement and final order is approved by the board on May 15, 2009.**