

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
NEELY RICHARDSON**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT**

Ms. Neely Richardson, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, notified the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy, hereinafter referred to as the Board, of pending criminal charges. In lieu of a formal hearing on these issues and in the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of the above-captioned matter, consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements and the responsibilities of the Board, the undersigned parties enter into this Consent Agreement as a final disposition of this matter. The Respondent admits the following Findings of Fact, and does not contest the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent is a licensed physical therapist in the State of Arkansas.
2. On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, respondent violated Arkansas Code Ann. §5-64-403. Respondent filled a total of eight (8) prescriptions with a quantity of 420 tablets for Hydrocodone from a stolen prescription pad.
3. On our about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, respondent violated Arkansas Code Ann. §20-64-217. Respondent forged a prescription for herself for a total of 420 tablets of Hydrocodone.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-93-309 and § 17-93-311, the Board has subject matter and personal jurisdiction in this matter.
2. Based upon the above findings of fact, Respondent is guilty of violating Ark. Code Ann. § 17-93-308(a)(3), unprofessional conduct.

**ORDER**


1. It is therefore ordered that Respondent's license be placed on probation for two years from the effective date of this consent agreement and she may

only practice in settings with on-site supervision during that two-year period.

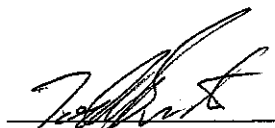
2. Respondent is required to complete a Board approved ethics and boundaries intervention program within one year.
3. Respondent is required to complete substance abuse or other counseling as deemed appropriate by the Board. Respondent may submit documentation and request approval for the program she is currently attending.
4. Respondent will submit to random drug testing for two years with a Board approved testing agency at Respondent's expense.
5. Any infraction of state laws, regulations or a positive drug screen will result in revocation of Respondent's license.

Furthermore, Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement is not effective until its acceptance by the Board. Respondent consents to the ex parte presentation of the Consent Agreement to the Board. Should this Consent Agreement not be approved by the Board, Respondent agrees that the presentation and consideration of this Consent Agreement by the Board shall not constitute a basis for disqualification of the Board or any of its members from further participation in this matter, including a formal hearing.

Respondent acknowledges her right to consult with counsel and voluntarily agrees to enter into this Consent Agreement on her own volition and without any reliance upon any representations by the Board or any representative thereof, other than expressly set forth herein. Respondent hereby waives any further procedural steps including, without limitation, her right to a hearing and all rights to seek judicial review or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity or enforceability of this Consent Agreement.

  
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Neely Richardson, Respondent

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Date

  
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Todd Burton, Chairman  
Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy

5-17-12  
Date