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BEFORE THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSING BOARD
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the Application for) Case Number: PT-72-12/01
Physical Therapist License of)
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STEFFANIE KAE FISCHELS,) AMENDED CONSENT ORDER
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Applicant)

WHEREAS, the Physical Therapist Licensing Board (Board) regulates the practice of physical therapy, including the licensure of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants; and

WHEREAS, Steffanie Kae Fischels (applicant) filed an application with the Board dated December 10, 2001 for licensure by examination as a physical therapist; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated on her application that she had been convicted of a law violation and that she had received treatment for a mental or emotional condition that impedes her ability to practice safely and she disclosed her criminal and mental health history; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 1998 the applicant was convicted of Forgery in the District Court of Black Hawk County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, in August, 2000 the applicant was convicted of Theft in the Fifth Degree in the District Court of Johnson County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2000 the applicant was convicted of Theft in the Fifth Degree in the District Court of Johnson County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2001 the applicant was convicted of Theft in the Fifth Degree in the District Court of Johnson County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2002 the Board issued a Consent Order granting Stephanie Kae Fischels' application for licensure and placing her on probation for an indefinite period of time; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Kae Fischels requested that the period of probation be changed to a fixed period of time and the Board agreed to amend the Consent Order to change the period of probation to two years from the effective date of the amendment; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Stephanie Kae Fischels is placed on probation for a period of two years from the effective date of this Amended Consent Order, under the following conditions:

a. she shall continue to receive psychotherapy from Dr. Scherr or from a clinical psychologist who has been pre-approved in writing by the Board and the plan of therapy shall be pre-approved in writing by the Board;

b. the psychotherapist shall submit directly to the Board quarterly written reports regarding her attendance and her progress in therapy;

c. she shall obey all laws and rules applicable to the practice of physical therapy;

d. she shall not engage in any conduct involving theft or dishonesty.

2. Violation of the conditions of probation may result in the Board taking disciplinary action, after notice and hearing. Disciplinary action may include license revocation.

DATED this 12th ^{CR} day of April, 2004.

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSING BOARD

Signature On File

James D. Heider
Executive Director

CONSENT

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the Amended Consent Order. I agree to the Board entering the Amended Consent Order.

12th April, 2004
Date

Signature On File
Stephanie Kae Fischels

WHEREAS, the Board is prepared to issue a notice proposing to deny the application pursuant to ORS 688.140(1)(a), (2) (e) and OAR 848-010-0050(1)(c); and

WHEREAS, the applicant and the Board are desirous of resolving this matter without further proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is aware of her right to a formal notice, to a hearing at which she may be represented by counsel and to cross-examine witnesses and present evidence in her own behalf and the right to appeal any adverse decision to the Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the applicant voluntarily waives these rights; and

WHEREAS, at the Board's request the applicant obtained a psychological evaluation by Stephen S. Scherr, PhD who offered the opinion that the applicant's condition is treatable and that once the applicant has become committed to psychotherapy it is unlikely that the misconduct will reoccur:

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The application of Stephanie Kae Fischels for licensure by examination is granted, subject to the following conditions of probation:
 - a. within three months, from the date of employment as a physical therapist, she shall begin psychotherapy as recommended by Dr. Scherr;
 - b. psychotherapy shall be provided by a clinical psychologist who has been pre-approved in writing by the Board and the plan of therapy shall be pre-approved in writing by the Board;
 - c. the psychotherapist shall submit directly to the Board quarterly written reports regarding her attendance and her progress in therapy;

d. the applicant shall obey all laws and rules applicable to the practice of physical therapy;

e. the applicant shall not engage in any conduct involving theft or dishonesty.

2. Probation shall be for an indefinite period of time.

3. Violation of the conditions of probation, may result in the Board taking disciplinary action, after notice and hearing. Disciplinary action may include license revocation.

DATED this 24TH day of June, 2002.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSING BOARD

Signature On File

Patti Gustafson
Executive Director

CONSENT

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the Consent Order. I agree to the Board entering the Consent Order.

6-21-02
Date

Signature On File

Steffanie Kae Fischels
Applicant