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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	FINAL DECISION & ORDER
	:	
STEPHANIE KOSIDOWSKI, P.T.	:	LS0211051PHT
RESPONDENT	:	

Division of Enforcement Case # 00 PHT 009

The parties to this proceeding for purposes of sec. 227.53, Stats. are:

Stephanie Kosidowski, P.T.
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Sussex, WI 53089

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The Wisconsin Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board received a Stipulation submitted by the parties to the above-captioned matter. The Stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto, was executed by Stephanie Kosidowski, P.T. and by Gilbert C. Lubcke, attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement. Based upon the Stipulation of the parties, the Wisconsin Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Stephanie Kosidowski, P.T., N48W22491 Wedgewood Glen, Sussex, Wisconsin 53089, was born on

August 6, 1974 and has been licensed and registered to practice physical therapy in the state of Wisconsin since June 4, 1999, license #6265.

2. Ms. Kosidowski, P.T. is and was, at all times relevant to this matter, employed by Covenant Rehabilitation Center. Ms. Kosidowski was on a planned vacation from September 22, 2000 until October 12, 2000.

3. MM was employed as a physical therapy aide by Covenant Rehabilitation Center at all times relevant to this matter. Ms. Kosidowski was the physical therapist responsible for providing direct supervision of MM's physical therapy related activities at Covenant Rehabilitation Center for the period of September 22, 2000 to October 12, 2000.

4. During Ms. Kosidowski's vacation, physical therapy aide MM evaluated physical therapy patients, developed physical therapy treatment plans and administered physical therapy treatments to patients while not under the direct supervision of a physical therapist.

5. When Ms. Kosidowski returned from vacation she signed the patient evaluations performed and treatment plans developed by physical therapy aide MM while she was on vacation and dated them for the date the evaluations were performed.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to § 448.57, Stats.

2. The Wisconsin Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board has the authority to resolve this matter by stipulation without an evidentiary hearing pursuant to § 227.44(5), Stats.

3. The Wisconsin Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board has the authority to assess costs pursuant to § 440.22 (2), Stats.

4. Respondent's conduct violated § 448.57(2)(h), Stats., Wis. Admin. Code § PT 7.02(1) and Wis. Admin. Code § PT 5.02(2) & (3) in that she failed to be available at all times for consultation with the physical therapy aide and failed to observe and monitor on a daily basis the physical therapy aide who was under her direct supervision.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Stipulation of the parties is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stephanie Kosidowski, P.T. is hereby REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Ms. Kosidowski shall, not later than sixty (60) days following the date of this order, pay to the Department \$200 toward the costs of the investigation.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Final Decision and Order to petition the Wisconsin Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth in the attached "Notice of Appeal Information".

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 5th day of November, 2002.

WISCONSIN PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

Otto Cordero

A Member of the Board