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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

PAUL Z. ABLER, P.T., : Case No. LS0311041PHT
RESPONDENT :

ORDER DENYING REINSTATEMENT OF FULL LICENSURE AND ORDER FOR A LIMITED LICENSE

Mr. Paul Z. Abler
c/o Mr. Raymond M. Dall'Osto
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Milwaukee, WI 53202

On November 3, 2003, the Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing (Board) issued a Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the Board's Order, Mr. Abler's license to practice physical therapy was suspended for a period of two years beginning on May 15, 2003. The Order further provided, among other things, that Mr. Abler would be eligible for the termination of his suspension if he met certain terms and conditions.

On March 17, 2005, the Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board reviewed the request of Paul Z. Abler, P.T., for the reinstatement of his license or, alternatively, a limited license. He was granted a limited license, subject to several terms and conditions.

The Board reviewed Mr. Abler's request to remove the limitations on his license at its meeting on March 16, 2006.

Based upon the Board's review,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the request of Paul Z. Abler, P.T., to be restored to full licensure is **DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Paul Z. Abler's license to practice physical therapy shall remain LIMITED subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (1) Mr. Abler shall continue in treatment and cooperate with Michael S. Kotkin, Ph.D., and shall have sessions with him at least once a month. Dr. Kotkin may increase the frequency of sessions if needed and shall file signed and dated quarterly reports with the Board regarding Mr. Abler's progress.
- (2) Any request from Mr. Abler for the reinstatement of his license shall be accompanied by a recommendation from Dr. Kotkin that Mr. Abler does not pose a threat to his patients and that he is safe to practice without any limitations on his license.
- (3) Mr. Abler shall *immediately* submit to the Board for its review the office procedure manual that he and his mentor, Michael W. Edwards, P.T., developed pursuant to the Board's Order of March 17, 2005. Per the Board's Order, the manual shall cover all of the following: the circumstances under which patients will be referred to other physical therapists, an informed consent policy for patients, a patient satisfaction survey, and a policy for the treatment of female patients.
- (4) Mr. Abler shall continue to meet at least once a month with Michael W. Edwards, P.T., for the purpose of a professional mentoring relationship. Mr. Edwards shall submit a letter to the Board detailing his involvement in the development of Mr. Abler's office procedure manual and whether he believes it is satisfactory or is in need of further revision. If Mr. Edwards deems that further revisions are necessary, he shall forward those to both Mr. Abler and to the Board.
- (5) Mr. Abler shall not treat any patient in a home setting.
- (6) While treating female patients, Mr. Abler shall work under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist approved in advance by the Board. Direct supervision includes within the line of sight of the supervising physical therapist.
- (7) Mr. Abler shall appear before the Board on an annual basis.

Violation of any of the terms of this Order shall be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license; the Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other discipline.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2006.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

Otto Cordero, P.T.
Chairperson