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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDING AGAINST :
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
BRADFORD F. LESCHER, P.T., :
: LS06071312PHT
RESPONDENT. :

Division of Enforcement Case # 03 PHT 007

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Bradford F. Lescher, P.T.
W7113 Bighorn Court
Wautoma, WI 54982

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Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Bradford F. Lescher, P.T., (DOB 2/14/1935) is duly licensed as a physical

therapist in the state of Wisconsin (license # 721). This license was first granted on 8/18/1965.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board is W7113 Bighorn Court, Wautoma, Wisconsin 54982.

3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as a physical therapist at Columbia Health Care Center.

4. On 11/11/2003 Respondent transferred a 65 year old resident from a recliner chair to a wheel chair without using a gait belt. During the transfer the wheel chair moved out from under the resident as the resident was being seated, and both the resident and the Respondent fell to the floor. The Respondent did not report the incident to the unit nurse. The Respondent obtained the assistance of two aides to put the resident in the wheel chair. The resident then completed a full physical therapy session with Respondent without further incident.

5. Columbia Health Care Center's policy is that gait belts must be used during all transfers. Respondent knew that he should use a gait belt for this transfer, knew that he should make sure that the wheel chair could not move during the transfer, and knew that he should report all falls, but he did not follow those procedures.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 448.57(1), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct described in paragraph four, above, constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code § PT 7.02(8) or Wis. Stat. §448.57(2)(f).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The license of Bradford F. Lescher to practice as a physical therapist in the State of Wisconsin is hereby REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay COSTS of this proceeding in the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

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3. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may 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 additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to pay costs as ordered then Respondent's license (# 721) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Physical Therapist Affiliated Credentialing Board

By: Otto Cordero
A Member of the Board

July 13, 2006
Date