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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :  
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
ERNEST C. HANSEN, P.T., :  
RESPONDENT. :

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 PHT 014

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

Ernest C. Hansen, P.T.  
4122 Lombard Street  
Duluth, MN 55804

Wisconsin Physical Therapy Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8366  
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190  
Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Physical Therapy Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Ernest C. Hansen, P.T., (DOB April 11, 1977), is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice physical therapy, having license number 11058-24, first granted on June 17, 2008, and current through February 28, 2017. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 4122 Lombard Street, Duluth, Minnesota 55804.

2. In 2016, the Department began an audit of compliance with the continuing education requirements for physical therapists for the 2013-2015 biennium.

3. Respondent's name was randomly selected as a subject of the audit pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.55(3) and Wis. Admin. Code § PT 9.05.

4. Respondent failed to demonstrate compliance with continuing education requirements for the 2013-2015 biennium as follows:

- a. Respondent indicated that he had completed 30 credits of continuing education when renewing his license online;
- b. When asked to provide certificates for those 30 credits, Respondent ignored the Department's requests;
- c. Eventually Respondent provided evidence of 30 credits of continuing education, all of which were taken in July and August of 2016;
- d. As of the date of this Final Decision and Order, Respondent has complied with continuing education requirements for the 2013-2015 biennium;
- e. The 30 credits of continuing education courses taken in July and August of 2016 by Respondent have been retroactively applied to the 2013-2015 biennium and may not be used to fulfill continuing education requirements for the 2015 - 2017 biennium.

5. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § PT 9.03(1) by failing to complete thirty (30) hours of acceptable continuing physical therapy education hours.

3. In violating Wis. Admin. Code § PT 9.03(1), Respondent committed unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § PT 7.025(5).

4. As a result of the above violations, Respondent, is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.57(2)(f).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent, Ernest C. Hansen, P.T., license no. 11058-24, is hereby REPRIMANDED.

3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent Ernest C. Hansen, P.T., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$135.00

4. Payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190  
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264  
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

5. Violation of any of the terms of this Order, including failure to complete continuing education or to pay costs as ordered 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 timely submit payment of costs as ordered, Respondent's license (no. 11058-24) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs and completion of the continuing education.

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

WISCONSIN PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD

by: Lawrence H. Damjanich, PT, MS  
A Member of the Board

12/16/16  
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 PHT 014

Respondent Ernest C. Hansen, P.T., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Physical Therapy Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

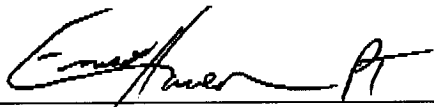
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

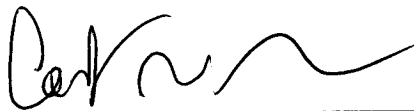
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Ernest C. Hansen, P.T., Respondent  
4122 Lombard Street  
Duluth, MN 55804  
License no. 11058-24

20 SEPT 16

Date



Cody Wagner, Prosecuting Attorney  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
P.O. Box 7190  
Madison, WI 53707-7190

9/21/2016

Date