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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
BRUCE K. HAUGER, P.T., :
RESPONDENT. :

0005322

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 PHT 002

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

Bruce K. Hauger, P.T.
5800 Bergquist Road
Duluth, MN 55804-9667

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 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 Bruce K. Hauger, P.T. (DOB November 1, 1952), is licensed by the state of Wisconsin as a physical therapist, having license number 1647-24, first issued on October 21, 1976 and current through February 28, 2019. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 5800 Bergquist Road, Duluth, Minnesota 55804-9667.
2. The Department opened case number 15 PHT 002 based on a referral from the Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy in which Respondent voluntarily surrendered his license to practice physical therapy in the state of Minnesota.
3. On October 7, 2016, Respondent retired from the practice of physical therapy.

4. Respondent is not currently working as a physical therapist and has no intention of working as a physical therapist in the future.

5. Respondent neither admits nor denies failing to meet any professional code of conduct, but elects to surrender his Wisconsin license to practice as a physical therapist.

6. 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).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The SURRENDER of the license by Respondent Bruce K. Hauger, P.T., (license no. 1647-24) to practice as a physical therapist in the state of Wisconsin is hereby accepted, effective the date of this Order.

3. This surrender constitutes Respondent's permanent relinquishment of his right to practice as a physical therapist in the state of Wisconsin. The Board will not, at any time in the future, process or otherwise consider an application or attempt at renewal by Respondent of credentials necessary to practice as a physical therapist in the state of Wisconsin.

4. If Respondent ever seeks any license under Wis. Stat. chs. 440-480, Bruce K. Hauger, P.T., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$2,064.82.

5. Payment of costs would be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent 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

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

WISCONSIN PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD

by: Shari Berry
A Member of the Board

5-24-17
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

BRUCE K. HAUGER, P.T.,
RESPONDENT.

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STIPULATION

0005322

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 PHT 002

Respondent Bruce K. Hauger, 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.

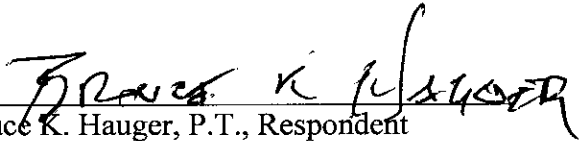
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

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.



Bruce K. Hauger, P.T., Respondent
5800 Bergquist Road
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License no. 1647-24

04/19/17
Date



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04/20/2017
Date