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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

KAREN Z. TARGO, P.T.,
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 PHT 018

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

Karen Z. Targo, P.T.
W906 Juneau Road
Genoa City, WI 53128

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 Karen Z. Targo, P.T. (DOB December 10, 1976) is licensed by the State of Wisconsin as a physical therapist, having license number 11625-24 first issued on October 15, 2010 and current through February 28, 2019. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is W906 Juneau Road, Genoa City, Wisconsin, 53128.

2. At all times pertinent to this matter Respondent was employed as a physical therapist at a rehab facility (Facility) in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

3. On June 19, 2017, Respondent was to provide physical therapy services to Patient A, a female resident of the facility.

4. On that date, Respondent documented that she reported to work at 7:35 a.m. and provided physical therapy services to Patient A from 8:05 a.m. until 9:32 a.m.

5. Staff members reported that Respondent did not enter the Facility until approximately 8:20 a.m.

6. Facility employees utilize a mobile device (iPad) to record employee activities, including the patient name, therapy session type, and start and end times for therapy services. The employee inputs the pertinent information. The time the information is inputted by the employee is recorded and documented by the iPad in the form of a Mobile Change Log Report (Log Report).

7. Respondent's first entry into the iPad on June 19, 2017 was at 8:21 a.m.

8. Respondent's June 19, 2017 Log Report reflects that Respondent rolled back the clock on the iPad to reflect different start and end times for the physical therapy services she purportedly provided to Patient A.

9. Facility employees' services are also documented on a Daily Interaction Form (DIF).

10. Respondent documented in Patient A's Daily Treatment Note (Note) that she provided a total of 87 minutes of therapeutic exercises, activities and evaluation with Patient A. Respondent attested by her electronic signature on the Note that the information contained in the Note was truthful.

11. According to Respondent's June 19, 2017 DIF, Respondent provided physical therapy services to patients other than Patient A continuously from 9:33 a.m. and 12:35 p.m. and then from 1:03 p.m. until 3:25 p.m. The remainder of her work time that day was spent on lunch break and performing administrative duties.

12. Respondent documented and caused Patient A and/or her insurance carrier to be billed for, physical therapy services on June 19, 2017 that Respondent did not provide to Patient A.

13. Respondent denies engaging in unprofessional conduct, but to resolve 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 Karen Z. Targo, P.T., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § PT 7.025(8) by any practice or conduct that falls below the standard of minimal competence within the profession that results in an unacceptable risk of harm to the patient, regardless of whether injury results.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Karen Z. Targo, P.T., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § PT 7.025(14) by knowingly, negligently, or recklessly making any statement, written or oral, in the course of the practice of physical therapy or as a physical therapist assistant, which is likely to deceive, defraud, mislead, or create an unacceptable risk of harm to the patient or the public or both.

4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Karen Z. Targo, P.T., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § PT 7.025(21) by failing to establish and maintain accurate and timely patient health care records as required by law and professional standards.

5. As a result of the above violations, Karen Z. Targo, P.T., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.57(2).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent Karen Z. Targo, P.T. is REPRIMANDED.
3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$604.00.
4. Payment of costs shall 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

5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (11625-24), or Respondent's right to renew her license, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

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

Final Decision and Order
In the matter of disciplinary proceedings against
Karen Targo, P.T., Case No. 17 PHT 018

WISCONSIN PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD

by: Shari Barry
A Member of the Board

5-23-2018
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

KAREN Z. TARGO, P.T.,
RESPONDENT.

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 PHT 018

Respondent Karen Z. Targo, P.T., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance,
Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

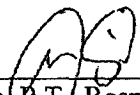
1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives 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.



Karen Z. Targo, P.T., Respondent
W906 Juneau Road
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License no. 11625-24

4/22/18

Date



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4/24/18

Date