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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

CHELSEA A. FRIEDERICHs, P.T.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0006390

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 PHT 004

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

Chelsea A. Friederichs, P.T.
809 Ash Circle
Plymouth, WI 53073

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 Chelsea A. Friederichs, P.T. (DOB December 30, 1984), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice as a physical therapist, having license number 11390-24, first issued on February 10, 2010, with registration current through February 28, 2021. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 809 Ash Circle, Plymouth, Wisconsin 53073.

2. Respondent is also licensed to practice physical therapy in Michigan.

3. On October 9, 2018, the Michigan Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing (Michigan Board) issued a Consent Order (Michigan

Order) which placed Respondent's license on Probation for one year and fined Respondent \$500.00 for failing to maintain accurate patient records. The Michigan Order pertained to Respondent's access and charting in the electronic medical records (EMR) system as follows:

Respondent was very remorseful for her actions and explained that she did not willfully falsify patient records. Respondent explained that she had been experienced delays with the EMR system and in an attempt to be more prepared for the visits the next day, she accessed her scheduled patients EMRs the evening of November 22, 2016. She explained that the EMR system automatically prefills certain information and the user is expected to update the record after the visit occurred, which she intended to do. Respondent explained she communicated with all of the patients on her schedule that day; however, she made a mistake by not updating the EMR in a timely manner.

4. The Michigan Order requires, in part, the following:
 - a. Respondent to provide copies of the Michigan Order to her employer and supervisor.
 - b. Respondent's employer to file quarterly reports with the Michigan Board advising of Respondent's work performance.
 - c. Respondent to provide written notice to the Michigan Board of any employment changes, including report of non-employment.
5. Respondent did not report Michigan's disciplinary action to the Board.
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).
2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Chelsea A. Friederichs, P.T., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § PT 7.025(23) by having any credential pertaining to the practice of physical therapy result in adverse action by any agency of this or another state, or by any agency or authority within the federal government, which results in any disciplinary action, including limitation, restriction, suspension, revocation, or any other disciplinary action.
3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Chelsea A. Friederichs, P.T., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § PT 7.025(24) by failing, within 30 days, to report to the board any adverse action, whether final or temporary, taken against the licensee's authority to practice physical therapy.

4. As a result of the above conduct, Chelsea A. Friederichs, P.T., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.57(2).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent Chelsea A. Friederichs, P.T., is REPRIMANDED.
3. The license to practice as a physical therapist in Wisconsin of Chelsea A. Friederichs, P.T., (license number 11390-24) is LIMITED as follows:
 - a. Respondent is to maintain full and complete compliance with all terms, limitations, and conditions imposed against her medical license by the Michigan Board.
 - b. Respondent shall provide the State of Wisconsin Physical Therapy Examining Board with a copy of any document issued by the Michigan Board which alters the conditions of Respondent's continued practice of physical therapy in Michigan, including any document advising reinstatement of full licensure.
 - c. Upon Respondent providing proof sufficient to the Board, or its designee, that she has successfully complied with all terms and conditions of the Michigan Order and her license has been restored to full, unrestricted status, the Board or its designee shall issue an Order removing the limitation on Respondent's license.
4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Chelsea A. Friederichs, P.T., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$294.00.
5. 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

You may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System, here: <https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring>

6. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (no. 11390-24), 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.

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

WISCONSIN PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD

by: Shari Berry, PT
A Member of the Board

8-28-2019
Dates

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0006390

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 PHT 004

Respondent Chelsea A. Friederichs, 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.

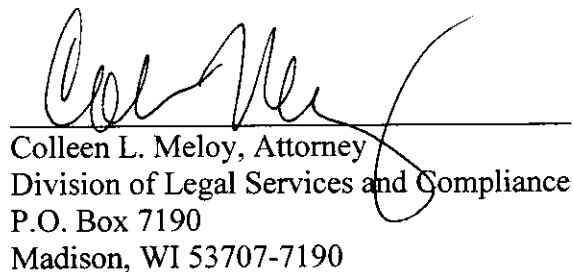
7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

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.



Chelsea A. Friederichs, P.T., Respondent
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License no. 11390-24

6/19/19
Date



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