# BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF MIRANDA COHN, PTA 4447

#### CONSENT ORDER

An allegation that Miranda Cohn, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, violated the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy Practice Act, was received by the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy, hereinafter referred to as the Board. In lieu of a formal hearing on these issues and in the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of the above-captioned matter, consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements and the responsibilities of the Board, the undersigned parties enter into this Consent Order as a final disposition of this matter. The Respondent admits the following Findings of Fact, and does not contest the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a licensed physical therapist assistant in the State of Arkansas.
- On July 7, 2013, an email was received from Victoria Prince, Director of Therapy Operations at Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Jonesboro regarding Respondent fraudulently reporting hours not worked.
- 3. On July 11, 2023, an email was received from Respondent. In Respondent's response to the complaint, she wrote, in pertinent part:
  - ... I do not deny the charges being marshalled against me for theft of time. This was an extreme misjudgment for which I have great regret.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-93-309 and § 17-93-311, the Board has subject matter and personal jurisdiction in this matter.
- 2. Based upon the above findings of fact, Respondent is guilty of violating Ark. Code Ann. § 17-93-308(a)(3), unprofessional conduct.

#### **ORDER**

- A. No later than six (6) months from the date of this Order, Respond shall complete an ethics course and submit to Board staff sufficient documentation of her attendance.
- B. Miranda Cohn's physical therapist assistant license is placed on probation for at least six (6) months from the date of this Order.
- C. Respondent shall submit proof of repayment to Encompass Health. This will then be confirmed with Encompass Health by Board staff. If repayment is not complete within six (6) months, the probation period will be extended until payment is complete.
- D. Every two months, Board staff shall contact Respondent and Respondent shall promptly provide information regarding her activities, progress, and work situation.

Furthermore, Respondent understands that this Consent Order is not effective until its acceptance by the Board. Respondent consents to the ex parte presentation of the Consent Order to the Board. Should this Consent Order not be approved by the Board, Respondent agrees that the presentation and consideration of this Consent Order by the Board shall not constitute a basis for disqualification of the Board or any of its members from further participation in this matter, including a formal hearing.

Respondent acknowledges her right to consult with counsel and voluntarily agrees to enter into this Consent Order on her own volition and without any reliance upon any representations by the Board or any representative thereof, other than as expressly set forth herein. Respondent hereby waives any further procedural steps including, without limitation, her right to a hearing and all rights to seek judicial review or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity or enforceability of this Consent Order.

Miranda Cohn, Respondent

10/10/23

Date

Rob Jordan, Chairman

Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy

10/26/23

Date