

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

In the Matter of the  
Physical Therapy License  
of Dehna A. Sorensen, P.T.  
Year of Birth: 1960  
License Number: 2612

**STIPULATION AND ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Dehna A. Sorensen, P.T. ("Licensee"), and the Complaint Review Committee ("Committee") of the Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy ("Board") as follows:

1. During all times herein, Licensee has been and now is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board from which she holds a license to practice physical therapy in the State of Minnesota.
2. Licensee has been advised by Board representatives that she may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Although aware of the option to be represented by counsel, Licensee has knowingly and expressly waived that right. The Committee was represented by Bryan D. Huffman, Assistant Attorney General, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2131, telephone (651) 757-1439.

**FACTS**

3. Licensee has been licensed as a physical therapist in the State of Minnesota since September 26, 1983.
4. On Licensee's December 2011 license renewal application, she did not disclose physical conditions that may have limited her ability to safely practice physical therapy.

5. In early 2012, Licensee did not respond to correspondence from the Health Professionals Services Program.

6. In February and March 2012, the Board sent correspondence to Licensee. Three letters returned to the Board were forwarded to Licensee with postal service notations indicating a forwarding address. The letters were subsequently returned to the Board with postal service notations stating: "Return to Sender, Refused, Attempted – Not Known, and Unable to Forward."

7. On February 19, 2013, Licensee attended a conference with the Committee. Licensee indicated that she resided at different locations in February and March 2012 and may not have informed the Board of her most current address.

#### **STATUTES**

8. The Committee views Licensee's conduct as inappropriate in such a way as to require Board action under Minn. Stat. § 148.75(a)(21) (2012) and Minn. R. 5601.0900. Licensee agrees that the conduct cited above constitutes a reasonable basis in law and fact to justify the disciplinary action under these statutes.

#### **REMEDY**

9. Upon this stipulation and all of the files, records, and proceedings herein, and without any further notice or hearing herein, Licensee does hereby consent that until further order of the Board, made after notice and hearing upon application by Licensee or upon the Board's own motion, the Board may make and enter an order **REPRIMANDING** Licensee's license to practice physical therapy in the State of Minnesota.

10. Within ten days of the date of this Order, Licensee shall provide the Board with a list of all work sites and locations at which Licensee currently has privileges, a list of all states in

which Licensee is licensed or has applied for licensure, and the addresses and telephone numbers of Licensee's residences and all work sites. Within seven days of any change, Licensee shall provide the Board with the new address and telephone information. The information shall be sent to Stephanie Lunning, Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy, University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue S.E., Suite 420, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414-3664.

11. In the event Licensee resides or practices outside the State of Minnesota, Licensee shall promptly notify the Board in writing of the location of her residence and all work sites. Periods of residency or practice outside of Minnesota will not be credited toward any period of Licensee's suspended, limited, or conditioned license in Minnesota unless Licensee demonstrates that practice in another state conforms completely with Licensee's Minnesota license to practice physical therapy.

12. If Licensee shall fail, neglect, or refuse to fully comply with each of the terms, provisions, and conditions herein, the Committee shall schedule a hearing before the Board. The Committee shall mail Licensee a notice of the violation alleged by the Committee and of the time and place of the hearing. Licensee shall submit a response to the allegations at least three days prior to the hearing. If Licensee does not submit a timely response to the Board, the allegations may be deemed admitted.

At the hearing before the Board, the Committee and Licensee may submit affidavits made on personal knowledge and argument based on the record in support of their positions. The evidentiary record before the Board shall be limited to such affidavits and this Stipulation and Order. Licensee waives a hearing before an administrative law judge and waives discovery, cross-examination of adverse witnesses, and other procedures governing administrative hearings or civil trials.



**ORDER**

Upon consideration of this stipulation and all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the terms of this stipulation are adopted and implemented by the Board this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013

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SIGNATURE ON FILE

STEPHANIE LUNNING  
Executive Director

