



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

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**Before The Ohio
Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board**

Physical Therapy Section

Robert Whitehead
6657 Camp Blvd
Hanoverton, Ohio 44423

IN RE:

The eligibility of Robert Z. Whitehead,
PTA5824, to retain his license as a
Physical Therapist Assistant in the State
of Ohio

Case No: PT FY09-056

Issue Date: May 20, 2009

Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing

Introduction and Jurisdiction

Section 4755.47(A) of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the Board to refuse to grant a license to an applicant for an initial or renewed license as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant or, by an affirmative vote of not less than five members, may limit, suspend or revoke the license of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant or reprimand, fine or place a license holder on probation, on any of the following grounds:

- (6) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate sections 4755.40 to 4755.56 of the Revised Code or any order issued or rule adopted under those sections;

In accordance with Chapter 119 and section 4755.47 of the Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby notified that the Physical Therapy Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board (hereinafter, "Board") intends to determine whether or not to limit, suspend or revoke your physical therapist assistant license, or reprimand, fine or place you on probation for one or more of the following reasons:

Count 1

On February 10, 2009, as a result of being randomly selected for a continuing education audit conducted by the Board, Mr. Whitehead was sent an audit notice letter, via regular mail. Mr. Whitehead failed to respond to the audit notice letter by the March 2, 2009 deadline. A second audit notice letter was sent via certified mail on March 20, 2009. The certified mail was signed for by an agent of the addressee on

March 25, 2009. Mr. Whitehead again failed to respond to the audit notice letter. Said conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4755.47(A)(6) and Ohio Administrative Code rule 4755-23-08(E)(3).

Ohio Administrative Code rule 4755-23-08 states in pertinent part:

Pursuant to sections 4755.51 and 4755.511 of the Revised Code, no person shall qualify for license renewal as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant unless the individual completed the required continuing education units (CEU's) outlined in paragraph (A) of this rule. A "unit" is one clock hour spent in a continuing education activity meeting the requirements established in section 4755.52 of the Revised Code.

(E) The physical therapy section shall conduct an audit of the continuing education records of a number of the licensees to be determined by the section each renewal year. The section will notify licensees who are selected for the audit to determine compliance with the continuing education requirement specified in this rule.

(3) Failure to respond to or acknowledge receipt of an audit notice will result in the commencement of disciplinary action.

Hearing Procedures

Pursuant to section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, you have the right to request a hearing on these charges, if your written request for a hearing is received by the Board office, located at 77 South High Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215, within thirty (30) days of the mailing of this Notice. Further, you are advised that you are entitled to appear at such hearing in person, or by an attorney, or by such other representative who is permitted to practice before the agency. At the hearing, you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against you. Also, In lieu of personally appearing, you may present your positions, arguments or contentions in writing.

If you do not timely request such a hearing, the Board, upon consideration of the charges cited, may, in your absence, take such disciplinary action it deems appropriate. This action may include, but is not limited to, suspension or revocation of your license.

Please be advised that under section 4755.031 of the Ohio Revised Code, a person sanctioned under section 4755.11, 4755.47, 4755.482, or 4755.64 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee in the amount of the actual cost of the administrative hearing including the cost of the court reporter, the hearing officer, transcripts, and any witness fees for lodging and travel, as determined by the appropriate section of the board. The fee shall be collected by the appropriate section.

**By Order of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board:
Physical Therapy Section**



Jeffrey M. Rosa
Executive Director

cc: Yvonne Tertel, Principal Assistant Attorney General

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Consent Agreement

This Consent Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between **Robert Z. Whitehead**, ("**Whitehead**") and the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board, Physical Therapy Section ("Board").

The Board is a state agency, charged with enforcing relevant provisions of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4755 and all rules promulgated thereunder. **Whitehead** hereby enters into this agreement being fully informed of his rights pursuant to Chapter 4755 and Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, including the right to representation by counsel and an adjudication hearing.

In consideration of the forgoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, **Whitehead** and the Board hereby agree as follows:

Jurisdiction and Predicate Facts

1. The Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board, Physical Therapy Section, is empowered by section 4755.47 of the Ohio Revised Code to refuse to grant a license to an applicant for an initial or renewed license as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant or, by an affirmative vote of not less than five members, may limit, suspend or revoke the license of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant or reprimand, fine or place a license holder on probation, on any of the following grounds:

(6) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate sections 4755.40 to 4755.56 of the Revised Code or any order issued or rule adopted under those sections;

2. **Whitehead** has been licensed as a physical therapist assistant in the State of Ohio since December 1, 2004.

3. **Whitehead** currently holds a license to practice as a physical therapist assistant in the State of Ohio, and is subject to all laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of physical therapy.
4. On February 10, 2009, as a result of being randomly selected for a continuing education audit conducted by the Board, Mr. Whitehead was sent an audit notice letter, via regular mail. Mr. Whitehead failed to respond to the audit notice letter by the March 2, 2009 deadline. A second audit notice letter was sent via certified mail on March 20, 2009. The certified mail was signed for by an agent of the addressee on March 25, 2009. Mr. Whitehead again failed to respond to the audit notice letter. Said conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4755.47(A)(6) and Ohio Administrative Code rule 4755-23-08(E)(3).

Admissions

1. **Whitehead** hereby admits and acknowledges that he has received proper notice of his right to a formal hearing pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119.
2. **Whitehead** hereby knowingly waives all rights to a formal hearing in this matter, and agrees that this Consent Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order duly entered in accordance with those procedures set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and Chapter 4755 relating to administrative proceedings.
3. **Whitehead** admits that the facts set forth above are true and accurate and expressly waives all rights to challenge said facts.
4. **Whitehead** admits that the facts set forth above constitute a violation of Ohio law thereby subjecting him to disciplinary action by the Board pursuant to section 4755.47 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Terms

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and in lieu of any further disciplinary action, **Whitehead** and the Board, knowingly and voluntarily agree to the following terms:

1. **Whitehead** shall pay a fine of **\$1,500.00**. This fine shall be paid within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the agreement. Acceptable forms of payment include cashier's check, business check, or money order. Payments should be made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio."
2. **Whitehead** shall submit verification of twelve (12) hours of continuing education

earned between January 1, 2007 and January 31, 2009. Verification of completion must be submitted to the attention of the Enforcement Division of the Board no later than (30) days after the ratification of this agreement.

3. **Whitehead** agrees to be audited for continuing education credits for the 2011 renewal cycle. Upon receiving the audit notice, **Whitehead** shall submit certificates of completion to the board office within the specified timeframe.
4. **Whitehead** shall provide a copy of the consent agreement to any current and future employers during the term of this agreement. **Whitehead's** employer(s) must send written notification on company letter head to the Enforcement Division indicating that they were provided with a copy of this agreement. **Whitehead** shall ensure that this notification by his employer is received within (30) days of the effective date of this agreement. If **Whitehead** changes employers during the course of this agreement, he shall ensure that written notification by his new employer(s) is received within (30) days of her start date.
5. Failure to abide by the terms of this Agreement shall constitute an actionable violation in and of itself without further proof and may subject **Whitehead** to any and all disciplinary remedies to the Physical Therapy Section including, but not limited to, revocation.
6. **Whitehead** agrees to abide by all federal, state, and local laws, and all laws and rules governing the practice of physical therapy in the State of Ohio.
7. **Whitehead** hereby releases the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board, its members, employees, agents and officers jointly and severally from any and all liability from the within matter.
8. All parties to this agreement understand that this document is a public record pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 149.43.
9. All parties to this agreement understand that this information will be sent to the Federal Department of Health and Human Services' Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB), pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1320a-7e(b), 5 U.S.C. §5525a, and 45 C.F.R. pt. 61.
10. By his signature on this consent agreement, **Whitehead** agrees that in the event the Board, in its discretion, does not approve this consent agreement, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. **Whitehead** agrees that should the Board reject this consent agreement and if this case proceeds to hearing, he will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this consent agreement or of any information relating thereto.
11. By adopting and executing this consent agreement, the Board hereby

acknowledges that this consent agreement is a full and final settlement of the within matter and agrees that it will not pursue further action against **Whitehead** resulting from the aforementioned conduct.

- 12. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this Agreement.

By his signature **Whitehead** acknowledges that he has carefully read the above Agreement and enters into it freely and voluntarily with full knowledge of its force and effect, and full knowledge of his rights under Ohio law. By executing this Agreement, **Whitehead** recognizes that if, in the discretion of the Board it appears that he has breached any terms or conditions of this Agreement, the Board may initiate formal disciplinary proceedings which may be based solely upon a breach of the Agreement. If the Board finds a breach of this Agreement, it may impose any disciplinary remedy available under Ohio law.

The terms and conditions of this agreement shall not become effective until approved by the Board and executed pursuant to its approval.



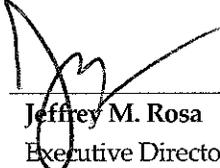
Robert Z. Whitehead

6/12/09

DATE

Counsel to Robert Z. Whitehead
(If represented)

DATE



Jeffrey M. Rosa
Executive Director

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Yvonne Tertel
Principal Assistant Attorney General

6/18/2009

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September 18, 2009

Robert Whitehead, PTA
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RE: Consent Agreement

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

This letter is to inform you that the Physical Therapy Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board has released you from your consent agreement. After reviewing your file at the September 16, 2009 Physical Therapy Section Enforcement meeting, it was determined that you have fulfilled all of the obligations listed in your consent agreement. As such, the employer notification requirement outlined in your consent agreement is no longer required. Please be aware that a record of this disciplinary action will be part of your permanent record, and that you will be audited for continuing education credits for the 2011 renewal cycle. If you have not already done so, please ensure that you have Ohio approval numbers for the courses you plan to submit for the audit.

Your cooperation with the Board and our staff is appreciated.

Sincerely,

OHIO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, PHYSICAL THERAPY, AND
ATHLETIC TRAINERS BOARD - Physical Therapy Section

Lisa S. Ratinaud, M.S.A.
Enforcement Division Supervisor