# BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF KYLE WYATT, PTA 2764

## CONSENT ORDER

An allegation that Kyle Wyatt, 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.
- 2. On April 16, 2015, an email was received from Michael Ball, PT at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center regarding Respondent falsely documenting that he had treated five patients that he did not treat.
- 3. On April 16, 2015, an email was received from Respondent admitting to entering treatment notes in five patient records indicating that he treated them when he had not.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. 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

1. It is therefore ordered that the Respondent's license be placed on probation for one year from the effective date of this order.

- 2. Respondent is required to continue to meet with his supervising physical therapist quarterly for one year to discuss his understanding of ethical standards. Respondent shall submit a report to the Board with a summary of each meeting. The report must be signed by Respondent's supervising physical therapist.
- 3. If Respondent changes employment, he is required to notify the Board of the change and to notify his new employer of the probationary period and consent order requirements.
- 4. Any infraction of state laws, regulations, or this Consent Order during the Respondent's period of probation will result in revocation of Respondent's license.

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Kyle Wyatt, Respondent

Rob Hill, Chairman

Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy

Date

Date

809 West Main Street Russellville, AR 72801

August 22, 2016

Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy 9 Shackleford Plaza, Suite 3 Little Rock, AR 72211

To whom it may concern:

First, I would like to thank the board for allowing Kyle Wyatt to continue working for us under this probationary period. Kyle has worked directly under my supervision ever since this incident occurred (except for the 1 month suspension) and he has worked hard to regain the trust and respect of both me and his colleagues here at Saint Mary's.

Working together in the same therapy clinic, Kyle and I have had lots of time for discussion over the past year, and we commonly have discussed ethical dilemmas, both in the therapy field and in the world in general. After spending this year with him, I am very sure that nothing like this will ever happen again. I feel confident that he is ready to be removed from probation. Kyle demonstates a great ethical standard in every part of his job, whether it is in treating patients, working with co-workers, or spending his time wisely at work. I am proud that he works for us.

Thank you for all you have done for us during this time. If you have any other questions or needs, feel free to call me at (479) 518-0188

Sincerely,

Michael Ball MSPT

Saint Mary's Therapy Manager

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