IN THE MATTER OF

**BRITTANY A. ISEMINGER, A.T.** 

Respondent

**License Number: A00548** 

\* BEFORE THE

\* MARYLAND STATE

\* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

\* Case Number: 2015-0144

## **CONSENT ORDER**

On or about August 18, 2014, the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") received an *Application for Reinstatement of Athletic Trainers* (the "Reinstatement Application") from **BRITTANY A. ISEMINGER, A.T.** (the "Respondent"), License Number A00548. Based on its ensuing investigation of the Reinstatement Application, Disciplinary Panel A of the Board determined that it has grounds to charge the Respondent under the Maryland Athletic Trainers Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("Health Occ.") §§ 14-5D-01 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol.).

Specifically, Disciplinary Panel A determined that it has grounds to charge the Respondent with violating the following provision of the Act:

## § 14-5D-17. Practice without a license prohibited.

Unless authorized to practice athletic training under this subtitle, a person may not:

(1) Practice athletic training in this State[.]

Prior to the Board's issuance of charges, the Respondent agreed to enter into this public Consent Order consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

Disciplinary Panel A of the Board makes the following Findings of Fact:

- 1. The Respondent was originally licensed to practice athletic training in the State of Maryland on or about August 27, 2013, under License Number A00548.
- 2. At all times relevant, the Respondent was employed as a certified athletic trainer at an university ("Employer A")<sup>1</sup> located in Maryland.
- 3. The Respondent allowed her Maryland athletic trainer's license to expire on September 30, 2013, without applying for a renewal with the Board.
- 4. On or about August 18, 2014, the Board received the Reinstatement Application from the Respondent. In a question in the Reinstatement Application regarding the reasons for allowing her license to expire, the Respondent stated, "This was a gross misunderstanding between me [and] my [employer]. There was a bookkeeping financial issue."<sup>2</sup>
- 5. After receiving the Reinstatement Application, the Board initiated an investigation of the Respondent to determine whether she practiced athletic training after he license expired on September 30, 2013.
- 6. In the course of its investigation, the Board obtained documents from Employer A showing that the Respondent was employed and practiced on a part-time basis as a certified athletic trainer with Employer A from on or about October 1, 2013, to May 15, 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To ensure confidentiality, the names of individuals, patients, hospitals and facilities involved in this case are not disclosed in this document.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Board reinstated the Respondent's license to practice athletic training on August 27, 2014.

- 7. Board investigation further determined that the Respondent did not file an Evaluation and Treatment Protocol with the Board during the time she was employed and practiced as a certified athletic trainer with Employer A.
- 8. In a letter to the Board, dated September 24, 2014, the Respondent stated, "My deepest regret is not following up with my employer, ensuring my licensure and evaluation and treatment protocol was turned in and paid for. I had no idea my licensure was allowed to expire until July 2014 . . . Since I realized this in July I have been trying to rectify this . . . The short answer is that it appears I was not under an evaluation and treatment protocol until 2014 due to a gross misunderstanding between myself and [Employer A]."
- 9. The Respondent practiced athletic training in Maryland without authorization from the Board from approximately October 1, 2013, to May 15, 2014.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent practiced athletic training in this State without authorization from the Board, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-5D-17(1).

#### ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is, by a majority of the quorum of the Board considering this case:

ORDERED that the Respondent is fined in the amount of TWO THOUSAND FIVE-HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500). The fine shall be made by bank certified check or money order, payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians, P.O. Box 37217,

Baltimore, Maryland 21297, within **thirty (30) days** of the date of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall be responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 et seq. (2014).

3/17/2015

Christine A. Farrelly

**Executive Director** 

Maryland State Board of Physicians

### CONSENT

I, Brittany A. Iseminger, A.T., acknowledge that I was given an opportunity to retain and consult with counsel but elected not to do so before entering into this Consent Order By this Consent and for the purpose of resolving the issues raised by Disciplinary Panel A of the Board, I agree and accept to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by the law. I agree to forego my opportunity to challenge these allegations. I acknowledge the legal authority and jurisdiction of Disciplinary Panel B of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal any

adverse ruling of a disciplinary panel of the Board that might have followed after any such hearing.

I sign this Consent Order, voluntarily and without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of this Consent Order.

2/25/2015	Brittany Useminger
Date	Brittany A. Iseminger, A.T.
	The Respondent

STATE OF MARYLAND	
CITY/COUNTY OF	Washinoto

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notary seal.

PATRICIA A. WARD
NOTARY PUBLIC
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND
My Commission expires 2/4/2018

Notary Public

My commission expires:

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