IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE

CARLI P. LANKFORD, R.T. * MARYLAND STATE BOARD

Petitioner. * OF PHYSICIANS

License No.: R07206 * Case No.: 8816-0001

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RULING ON PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT AND ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

Carli P. Lankford, R.T. ("Ms. Lankford") was originally licensed to practice radiography in Maryland on June 28, 2004. On January 25, 2012, Ms. Lankford entered into a Consent Order with the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") wherein the Board found Ms. Lankford guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of radiography, being professionally incompetent, being addicted to any narcotic or controlled dangerous substance, providing professional services while using any narcotic or controlled dangerous substance, and having pled guilty to possession of forged documents, which is a crime of moral turpitude. The Board revoked Ms. Lankford's license for a minimum period of two years.

On October 15, 2015, Ms. Lankford filed an application for reinstatement of her radiography license. On February 24, 2016, Ms. Lankford appeared before Board Disciplinary Panel B ("Panel B") for consideration of her reinstatement application. Ms. Lankford submitted documentation that she successfully completed an intensive outpatient treatment program and informed the Panel that she recently celebrated four years of sobriety. Ms. Lankford accepted responsibility for her actions and showed remorse. Panel B believes that Ms. Lankford is

¹ The Consent Order contained findings of fact that Ms. Lankford was under the influence of drugs at work and solicited other employees for clean urine samples. Further, Ms. Lankford admitted, during a Board interview, that she had problems with drug addiction and had recently relapsed. Ms. Lankford also pled guilty to possession of CDS equipment and possession of forged documents for which she served a period of incarceration.

committed to her recovery and that these circumstances justify a reinstatement of her license to practice radiography at this point. Panel B will reinstate Ms. Lankford's radiography license subject to certain conditions.

ORDER

It is, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of Board Disciplinary Panel B, hereby

ORDERED that Ms. Lankford's October 15, 2015 application for reinstatement is **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Ms. Lankford's license to practice radiography (license number R07206) in Maryland is **REINSTATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Ms. Lankford is placed on **PROBATION** to continue until Ms. Lankford successfully complies with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Within 10 business days, Ms. Lankford shall enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program ("MPRP") and shall enter into a Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan with MPRP, monitored by Panel B. Ms. Lankford shall fully and timely cooperate and comply with all of MPRP's referrals, rules, and requirements, including but not limited to, the terms and conditions of any Participant Rehabilitation Agreement(s) and Participant Rehabilitation Plan(s) entered into with MPRP and shall fully participate and comply with all therapy, treatment, evaluations, and toxicology screening directed by MPRP;
- 2. Ms. Lankford shall sign any written release/consent forms, and update them, as required by the Board and MPRP. Ms. Lankford shall sign any written release/consent forms to authorize MPRP to make verbal and written disclosures to the Board, including disclosure of any

and all MPRP records and files possessed by MPRP. Ms. Lankford shall also sign any written release/consent forms to authorize MPRP to exchange with (i.e., disclose to and receive from) outside entities (including all of Ms. Lankford's current therapists and treatment providers) verbal and written information concerning Ms. Lankford;

3. Ms. Lankford shall comply with the Maryland Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance Act, Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. §§ 14-5B-0l *et* seq. (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2015 Supp.), and all laws and regulations governing the practice of radiography in Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that, as long as there are no pending complaints against Ms. Lankford, the Board or Panel B will administratively terminate Ms. Lankford's probation after receiving written confirmation from MPRP that Ms. Lankford fully and satisfactorily complied with the Program, Rehabilitation Agreement, and Rehabilitation Plan; and it is further

ORDERED that if Ms. Lankford fails to fully and satisfactorily comply with the conditions of probation or with any condition of this Order of Reinstatement, the Board or Panel B, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings if there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact or a show cause hearing before the Board or Panel B if there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, may reprimand Ms. Lankford, place Ms. Lankford on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend or revoke Ms. Lankford's radiography license; and it is further

ORDERED that, unless stated otherwise in the order, any time period prescribed in this order begins when the Consent Order goes into effect. The Consent Order goes into effect upon the signature of the Board's Executive Director, who signs on behalf of Panel B; and it is further

ORDERED that Ms. Lankford is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Order of Reinstatement; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order of Reinstatement is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**.

03/01/2016 Date

Maryland State Board of Physicians