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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL

IN THE MATTER OF _____ :
: Administrative Action
CHRISTOPHER WELCH, A.T. :
License No. 25MT00050500 :
: CONSENT ORDER
: :
LICENSED TO PRACTICE ATHLETIC :
TRAINING IN THE STATE OF :
NEW JERSEY :
_____ :

THIS MATTER was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (hereafter "Board") upon receipt of information that on or about November 18, 2008, Christopher Welch, A.T. (hereafter "Respondent") plead guilty to six counts of endangering the welfare of a child. On January 30, 2009 he was sentenced to a period of five years probation as to all six counts. Concurrent with the probation the court sentenced the respondent to submit to an updated

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psychological sex offender evaluation; complete any program of treatment and counseling required by probation; maintain employment during probation. The Judgment of Conviction also orders the Respondent to have no unsupervised contact with unrelated females under the age of 16 and to surrender his teaching certificate and his athletic trainer's license.

Respondent's license to engage in the practice of athletic training expired on January 31, 2009 and was not renewed and is suspended by operation of law without a hearing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b).

The Board has determined that the Respondent's guilty plea and the acts giving rise to the criminal conviction provides a basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f) as he has been convicted of a crime relating adversely to the practice of athletic training.

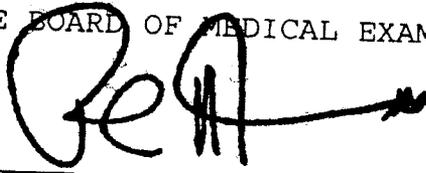
IT NOW APPEARING that the parties wish to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and, accordingly, Respondent now seeks leave to voluntarily surrender his license to practice athletic training in New Jersey as of November 30, 2009 in accordance with the terms of this Order and the terms of the Judgment of Conviction issued on January 30, 2009; and that the Respondent hereby waives any right to a hearing in this matter; and the Board finding the within Order adequately protects the public's health, safety and welfare; and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 9th day of June, 2010, ORDERED AND
AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent, Christopher T. Welch, P.T., shall surrender his license to be deemed a revocation and shall cease and desist the practice of athletic training in the State of New Jersey.

2. Respondent shall return his original New Jersey license and most recent biennial registration to the New Jersey State Board of Examiners upon signing this consent order.

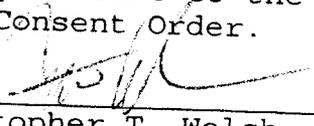
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS



By:

Paul C. Mendelowitz, M.D.
Board President

I have read and I understand this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I further hereby consent to the entry of this Consent Order.


Christopher T. Welch, A.T.

**NOTICE OF REPORTING PRACTICES OF BOARD
REGARDING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3), all orders of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners are available for public inspection. Should any inquiry be made concerning the status of a licensee, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the order and a copy will be provided if requested. All evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications which are conducted as public hearings and the record, including the transcript and documents marked in evidence, are available for public inspection, upon request.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Subtitle A 60.8, the Board is obligated to report to the National Practitioners Data Bank any action relating to a physician which is based on reasons relating to professional competence or professional conduct:

- (1) Which revokes or suspends (or otherwise restricts) a license,
- (2) Which censures, reprimands or places on probation,
- (3) Under which a license is surrendered.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Section 61.7, the Board is obligated to report to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection (HIP) Data Bank, any formal or official actions, such as revocation or suspension of a license (and the length of any such suspension), reprimand, censure or probation or any other loss of license or the right to apply for, or renew, a license of the provider, supplier, or practitioner, whether by operation of law, voluntary surrender, non-renewability, or otherwise, or any other negative action or finding by such Federal or State agency that is publicly available information.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-19.13, if the Board refuses to issue, suspends, revokes or otherwise places conditions on a license or permit, it is obligated to notify each licensed health care facility and health maintenance organization with which a licensee is affiliated and every other board licensee in this state with whom he or she is directly associated in private medical practice.

In accordance with an agreement with the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, a list of all disciplinary orders are provided to that organization on a monthly basis.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear on the public agenda for the next monthly Board meeting and is forwarded to those members of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the same summary will appear in the minutes of that Board meeting, which are also made available to those requesting a copy.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear in a Monthly Disciplinary Action Listing which is made available to those members of the public requesting a copy.

On a periodic basis the Board disseminates to its licensees a newsletter which includes a brief description of all of the orders entered by the Board.

From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue releases including the summaries of the content of public orders.

Nothing herein is intended in any way to limit the Board, the Division or the Attorney General from disclosing any public document.