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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF: :
: Administrative Action
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JOANNE PAVENTA, P.T. :
License No. 40QA00648700 : CONSENT ORDER
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TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon receipt of information that Joanne Paventa, P.T., (hereinafter "Respondent") was arrested on March 24, 2013 by the Woodland Park Borough Police Department on a charge of obtaining a controlled dangerous substance (oxycodone) by fraud, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-13. Respondent was admitted into the Pretrial Intervention Program, and on December 13, 2013, the charge against her was dismissed.

On or about January 30, 2014, Respondent completed an application to renew her license to practice physical therapy in New Jersey. In answering three questions on the renewal application, Respondent failed to disclose her arrest; misrepresented that she had fulfilled the

continuing education requirements; and failed to disclose her illegal use of a controlled dangerous substance within the previous two years. In so doing, Respondent obtained a license through deception or misrepresentation; and engaged in the use or employment of dishonesty, deception, misrepresentation, or false pretense, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (a) and (b).

Respondent appeared before the Board for an investigative inquiry on December 16, 2014, and testified that she does not have an addiction to any drug; but she nevertheless answered falsely on her application as to her arrest, an instance of her illegal use of CDS, and her failure to perform required continuing education, because she: "needed to work." These facts establish a basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(a) and (b).

It appearing to the Board that Respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to further proceedings, and for good cause shown:

IT IS on this 1st day of April, 2015

ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice physical therapy shall be, and hereby is, suspended, effective upon the filing and service of this Consent Order and continuing until Respondent has demonstrated in the sole discretion of the Board that she has satisfied the requirements of paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 below;
2. Respondent shall fully attend, successfully complete and unconditionally pass the ProBE (Professional Problem Based Ethics) course offered by: The Ethics Group, 89 Summit Avenue, Suite 185, Summit, New Jersey 07901, or an alternative course in ethics pre-approved by the Board, and shall provide documentation thereof to the Board;
3. Respondent shall take and complete the Practice Review Tool – General Practice, offered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT), or an equivalent

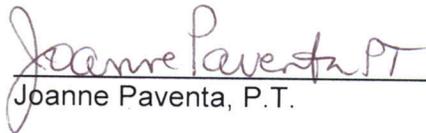
assessment tool pre-approved by the Board, and attain a rating of "Sufficiently Qualified" in all areas;

4. Respondent shall fully complete the continuing education requirements for license renewal, as specified in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.2 *et seq.*

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