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IN THE MATTER OF

KATIE MARIE WOMACK, O.T.A.

(Certificate No.200145)

Respondent

No. 11-I-979

CONSENT ORDER FOR OFFICIAL REPRIMAND

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The above-entitled matter was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"), following the receipt of apparently reliable information that Katie Marie Womack, O. T. A. ("Ms. Womack"), continued to practice as a occupational therapy assistant in this state despite the fact that her license had lapsed and expired.

In connection with this matter, Ms. Womack acknowledged that her conduct was in violation of the Louisiana Occupational Therapy Practice Act ("Act"), La. Rev. Stat. §§37.3001 *et. seq.* and cooperated fully with the investigation. On her own behalf, Ms. Womack stated that the failure to renew her license was unintentional and she expressed a commitment to insure that her future practice would at all times be in compliance with the Act and the Board's occupational therapy rules.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the Investigating Officer ("I/O"). While it appears to the I/O that Ms. Womack is a conscientious and well-trained occupational therapy assistant, the I/O's review and analysis of the matter confirms to her satisfaction that the actions identified hereinabove may implicate one or more violations of the Louisiana Occupational Therapy Practice Act and the Board's rules pertaining to Occupational Therapists.¹

Recognizing her right to have notice of such allegations and charges asserted against her, to

¹Pursuant to the Louisiana Occupational Therapy Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §37.3004 "No person shall practice occupational therapy or hold himself out as an . . . occupational therapy assistant . . . or to render occupational therapy services in the state unless he is licensed in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter;" pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37.3012.A. "A license issued under this Chapter shall be subject to annual renewal and shall expire unless renewed in the manner prescribed by the policies of the board;" and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37.3011.A. the board may take disciplinary action if the licensee is found guilty of unprofessional conduct. The Board's rules also prescribe such conduct and define professional conduct to include La Adm. C. §46XLV.4921.B. "18. [V]iolation of any rules and regulations of the board, or any provisions of the Act . . ."

administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time Ms. Womack would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on her own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§ 49:95 *et seq.*, Ms. Womack, nonetheless, hereby waives her right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Ms. Womack further acknowledges that she hereby waives any right that she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to her by law to contest her agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein. By her subscription hereto, Ms. Womack also hereby authorizes the I/O designated by the Board with respect hereto, to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation, and she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Ms. Womack expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the I/O shall be without prejudice to the IO's authority to proceed with the filing and adjudication of an Administrative Complaint against her or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint, should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the information provided, and upon the recommendation of the I/O assigned to this matter, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:3011, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:3011 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that Katie Marie Womack, O.T.A is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the conduct asserted hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Womack shall pay a fine of \$100 to the Board, which payment shall be made within three (3) months of the acceptance of this Order by the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within four (4) months of issuance of this order, Ms. Womack shall provide written confirmation that she has attended and successfully completed a ten (10) hour course of study, acceptable to and pre-approved in writing by the Board, in the area of professionalism and ethical conduct for the practice of occupational therapy.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of this Order by Ms. Womack shall, upon proof of such violation, be deemed adequate and sufficient cause for such further action against her license to practice as an occupational therapy assistant in this state as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:3011.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective this 17 day of Jan,
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**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By:

Mark H. Dawson

MARK H. DAWSON, M.D.

President

STATE OF MississippiPARISH/COUNTY OF Jefferson**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, KATIE MARIE WOMACK, O.T.A., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to
entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 05 day of December, 2011.

Katie Marie Womack, O.T.A.
KATIE MARIE WOMACK, O.T.A.

WITNESSES:

Pt Womack
Signature

Mary B. Guedon
Signature

PAT WOMACK
Printed Name

Mary B. Guedon
Printed Name

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Fayette, MS, this 5th day of
December, 2011, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Barbara M. Bandy
Notary Public

Print name BARBARA M. BANDY

Bar/Notary No.: 20706

My Commission Expires: 7-19-2012

