STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH
CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

In re: Sarah Watson, P.A. Petition No. 2009-2009287

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Sarah Watson, P.A., of Morris, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent"), has been issued license number 001445 to practice as a physician assistant by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 370 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. During the period of on or about November 30, 2007 through on or about December 18, 2007, respondent was employed as a physician assistant at Associated Litchfield County Orthopedics. During said period, respondent provided care to patient R.W., including but not limited to responding to R.W.'s telephone calls, prescribing Medrol for R.W., and directing R.W. to the emergency department at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital.
2. Respondent's documentation of her care for R.W. failed to meet the standard of care.
3. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-12f.

WHEREAS, respondent has successfully completed a course in documentation pre-approved by the Department, and has undergone an extensive independent review of her charts over a period of two months;

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing but, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Medical Examining Board (hereinafter "the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14, and 20-12f of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17, and 20-12f of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives her right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check, and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
3. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to her licensure.
4. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
5. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Systems Branch of the Department.
6. This Consent Order is effective on the day it is accepted and ordered by the Board.
7. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is a public document, and the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Board in which her compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-12f of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank.
8. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Respondent understands that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification as a result of any claim that the terms contained herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the execution of this document. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
9. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.

10. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Healthcare Systems Branch to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
11. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
12. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Bureau Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Statewide Prosecution Bureau. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only, and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
13. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this consent order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof.

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I, Sarah Watson, P.A., have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Sarah Watson, P.A.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April 2011.

TERESA SPRING
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires Sept. 30, 2011

Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 28th day of April 2011, it is hereby accepted.

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations
Healthcare Systems Branch

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board on the 17 day of May 2011, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Anne C. Doremus, Chair
Connecticut Medical Examining Board