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KS State Board of Healing Arts

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

In the Matter of

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Docket No. 17-HA00017

TIFFANY A. DEFEBAGH, O.T.A.
Kansas License No. 18-01284

CONSENT ORDER FOR SURRENDER

COMES NOW, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, ("Board"), by and through Jane E. Weiler, Associate Litigation Counsel ("Petitioner"), and Tiffany A. Defebaugh, O.T.A. ("Licensee"), by and through Diane L. Bellquist of Joseph, Hollander and Craft, LLC, and moves the Board for approval of a Consent Order affecting Licensee's license to practice as an occupational therapy assistant in the State of Kansas. The parties stipulate and agree to the following:

1. Licensee's last known mailing address to the Board is: [REDACTED]
Wichita, Kansas 67226.
2. Licensee is or has been entitled to engage in the practice as an occupational therapy assistant in the State of Kansas, having been issued License No. 18-01284 on or about February 12, 2016.
3. The Board is the sole and exclusive administrative agency in the State of Kansas authorized to regulate the practice of the healing arts, specifically the practice of occupational therapy. K.S.A.65-5401 *et seq.*
4. This Consent Order and the filing of such document are in accordance with applicable law and the Board has jurisdiction to enter into the Consent Order as provided by K.S.A.

77-505. Upon approval, these stipulations shall constitute the findings of the Board, and this Consent Order shall constitute the Board's Final Order.

5. The Kansas Occupational Therapy Practice Act is constitutional on its face and as applied in this case. Licensee agrees that, in considering this matter, the Board is not acting beyond its jurisdiction as provided by law.
6. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives her right to a hearing. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives her right to present a defense by oral testimony and documentary evidence, to submit rebuttal evidence, and to conduct cross-examination of witnesses. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly agrees to waive all substantive and procedural motions and defenses that could be raised if an administrative hearing were held.
7. The terms and conditions of the Consent Order are entered into between the undersigned parties and are submitted for the purpose of allowing these terms and conditions to become an Order of the Board. This Consent Order shall not be binding on the Board until an authorized signature is affixed at the end of this document. Licensee specifically acknowledges that counsel for the Board is not authorized to sign this Consent Order on behalf of the Board.
8. The Board has received information and investigated the same, and has reason to believe that there may be grounds pursuant to K.S.A. 65-5410, to take action with respect to Licensee's license under the Kansas Healing Arts Act, K.S.A. 65-5401, *et seq.*
9. On October 18, 2016, Petitioner filed a Petition against Licensee's license to practice as an occupational therapy assistant alleging violations of the Kansas Occupational Therapy

Practice Act pursuant to K.S.A. 65-5410. Petitioner incorporates the Petition herein by reference in its entirety. In addition, the following facts are presented:

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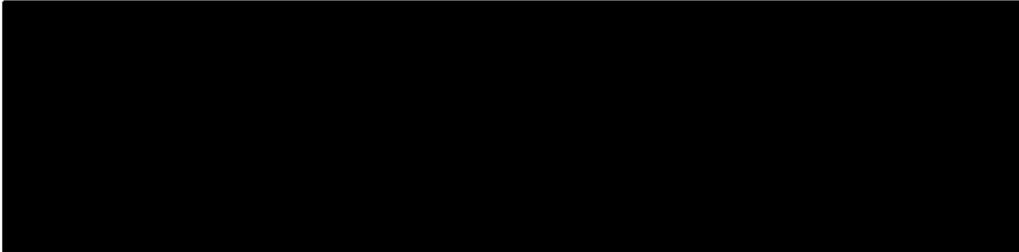
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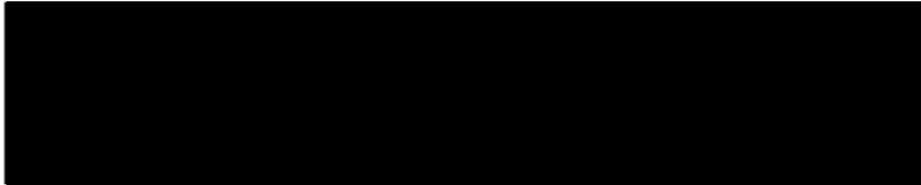
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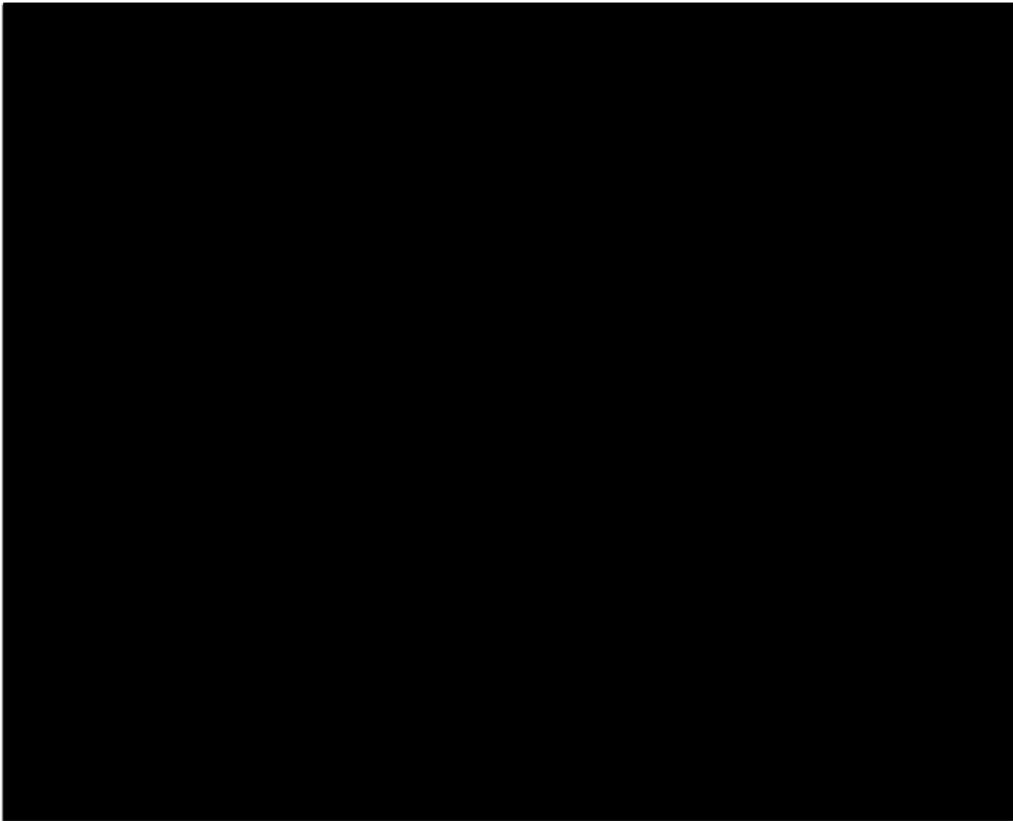
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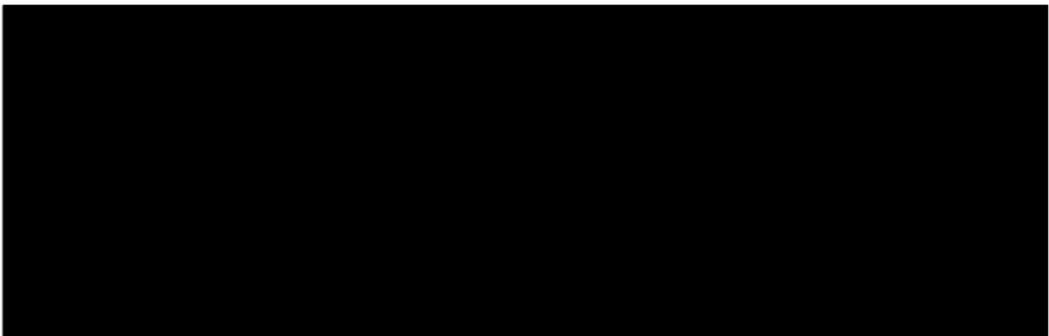
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10. Licensee acknowledges that if formal hearing proceedings were conducted and Licensee presented no exhibits, witnesses, or other evidence, the Board has sufficient evidence to prove that Licensee has violated the Kansas Occupational Therapy Practice Act with respect to the above allegations. Licensee further waives her right to dispute or otherwise contest the allegations contained in the above paragraphs in any further proceeding before this Board.
11. A protective order is hereby entered to protect all confidential information under 42 CFR Part II, K.S.A. 65-5410, and K.S.A. 65-4925.
12. Licensee's acts constitute unprofessional conduct as set forth in K.S.A. 65-5410.
13. Licensee violated K.S.A. 65-5410(a), in that Licensee has committed unprofessional and dishonorable conduct.
14. Licensee has violated K.S.A. 65-5410(a)(4), in that Licensee violated a lawful order of the Board previously entered into by the Board in KSBHA Docket No. 16-HA00044.
15. K.S.A. 65-5410(a)(2); in that, Licensee has committed an act of unprofessional conduct as defined by K.AR. 100-54-5(o), "by committing conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public."

16. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-5410, the Board may revoke, suspend, limit, censure or place under probationary conditions Licensee's license violations of the Kansas Occupational Therapy Practice Act.
17. According to K.S.A. 77-505, the Board has authority to enter into this Consent Order without the necessity of proceeding to a formal hearing.
18. Nothing in this Consent Order shall be construed to deny the Board jurisdiction to investigate alleged violations of the Kansas Occupational Therapy Practice Act, or to investigate complaints received under the Risk Management Law, K.S.A. 65-4921 *et seq.*, that are known or unknown and are not covered under this Consent Order, or to initiate formal proceedings based upon known or unknown allegations of violations of the Kansas Healing Arts Act.
19. Licensee hereby releases the Board, its individual members (in their official and personal capacity), attorneys, employees and agents, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Releasees", from any and all claims, including but not limited to those alleged damages, actions, liabilities, both administrative and civil, including the Kansas Judicial Review Act, K.S.A. 77-601 *et seq.* arising out of the investigation and acts leading to the execution of this Consent Order. This release shall forever discharge the Releasees of any and all claims or demands of every kind and nature that Licensee has claimed to have had at the time of this release or might have had, either known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, and Licensee shall not commence to prosecute, cause or permit to be prosecuted, any action or proceeding of any description against the Releasees.

20. Licensee further understands and agrees that upon signature by Licensee, this document shall be deemed a public record and shall be reported to any entities authorized to receive disclosure of this Consent Order.
21. This Consent Order, when signed by both parties, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may only be modified or amended by a subsequent document executed in the same manner by the parties.
22. Licensee agrees that all information maintained by the Board pertaining to the nature and result of any complaint and/or investigation may be fully disclosed to and considered by the Board in conjunction with the presentation of any offer of settlement, even if Licensee is not present. Licensee further acknowledges that the Board may conduct further inquiry as it deems necessary before the complete or partial acceptance or rejection of any offer of settlement.
23. Licensee, by signature to this document, waives any objection to the participation of the Board members, including the Disciplinary Panel and General Counsel, in the consideration of this offer of settlement and agrees not to seek the disqualification or recusal of any Board member or General Counsel in any future proceedings on the basis that the Board member or General Counsel has received investigative information from any source which otherwise may not be admissible or admitted as evidence.
24. Licensee acknowledges that she has read this Consent Order and fully understands the contents.
25. Licensee acknowledges that this Consent Order has been entered into freely and voluntarily.

26. Upon execution of this Consent Order by affixing a Board authorized signature below, the provisions of this Consent Order shall become an Order under K.S.A. 77-505. This Consent Order shall constitute the Board's Final Order when filed with the office of the Executive Director for the Board and no further Order is required.
27. This Consent Order constitutes public disciplinary action.
28. The Board may consider all aspects of this Consent Order in any future matter regarding Licensee.
29. In lieu of conducting a formal proceeding, Licensee, by signature affixed to this Consent Order, hereby voluntarily agrees to the following disciplinary action against her license to engage in the practice of as an occupational therapy assistant:

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER TREATED AS REVOCATION

30. Licensee hereby surrenders her Kansas license to practice as an occupational therapy assistant. Such surrender shall be treated as a revocation for all purposes including reporting such action.
31. Licensee's agrees that if she applies for reinstatement of her license, such application will be considered by the Board in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 65-5412 and K.A.R. 100-54-1. Further, Licensee's application will be governed by *Vakas v. The Kansas Board of Healing Arts*, 248 Kan. 589 (Kan. 1991), and all applicable statutes, law, rules and regulations regarding qualifications for licensure and reinstatement.
32. Licensee shall be required to pay the fee for reinstatement of a revoked license with any application for reinstatement.

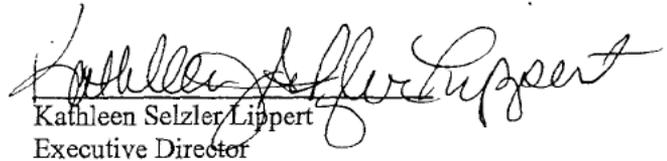
33. Licensee agrees that in the event she applies for reinstatement of her license, the allegations contained in the Petition and this Consent Order will be considered as findings of fact and conclusions of law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Consent Order and agreement of the parties contained herein is adopted by the Board as findings of fact, conclusions of law, and as a Final Order of the Board.

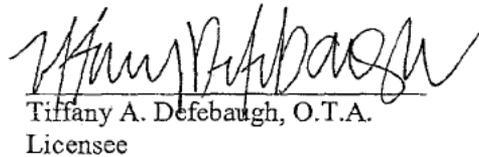
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Licensee's license is revoked effective upon filing of this Consent Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this 8th day of Dec, 2016.

**FOR THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF
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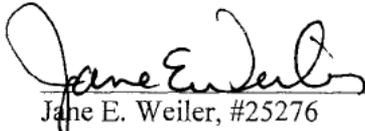

Kathleen Selzler Lippert
Executive Director

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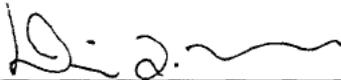
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the Consent Order for Surrender by United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 8th day of December, 2016, to the following:

Tiffany A. Defebaugh, O.T.A.
Licensee


Wichita, Kansas 67226

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License No. 18-01284

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And the original was hand-delivered for filing to:

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