

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

In the Matter of)
) Docket No. ¹⁵ ~~14~~-HA 00019
 Lance Krueger, P.A.)
 Kansas License No. 15-01434)

CONSENT ORDER

COMES NOW, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, (“Board”), by and through Anne Barker Hall, Associate Litigation Counsel (“Petitioner”), and Lance Krueger, P.A., (“Licensee”), and moves the Board for approval of a Consent Order affecting Licensee’s license to practice physician 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: **Confidential** Salina, KS, 67401.
2. Licensee is or has been entitled to engage in the practice of physician assistant in the State of Kansas, having been issued License No. 15-01434 on approximately December 21, 2010. Licensee’s license status is currently active.
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 physician assistant. K.S.A. 65-28a01 *et seq.* 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.

4. 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 Physician Assistant Licensure 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 his right to a hearing. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives his 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 possible 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. 65-28a05(a), to take action with respect to Licensee's license under the Kansas Physician Assistant Licensure Act. K.S.A. 65-28a01, *et seq.*
9. Licensee was convicted of Driving Under the Influence ("DUI"), First Offence, a misdemeanor, on April 13, 2011 in Cummings County, Nebraska

10. Licensee was convicted of DUI, Second Offence, a class A non-person misdemeanor, on December 18, 2012, in McPherson County, Kansas.

11. Licensee was convicted of DUI, Second Offence, a class A non-person misdemeanor, on March 15, 2013, in Harvey County, Kansas.

12. Licensee agrees that operating a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol is conduct that is likely to harm the public.

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16. 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 Physician Assistant Licensure Act with respect to the above allegations. Licensee further waives his right to dispute or otherwise contest the allegations contained in the above paragraphs in any further proceeding before this Board.

17. A protective order is hereby entered to protect all confidential information under 42 CFR Part II, and K.S.A. 65-4925.

18. Licensee's acts, if proven, constitute unprofessional conduct as set forth in K.S.A. 65-28a05(a) and as further defined by K.A.R. 100-28a-8(g)(2), (3) and/or (4) in that Licensee practiced as a physician assistant without reasonable skill and safety to patients because of any of the following:

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19. Further, Licensee's acts, if proven, constitute unprofessional conduct as set forth in K.S.A. 65-28a05(a) as further defined by K.A.R. 100-28a-8(r), in that, Licensee committed conduct likely to harm the public when he operated a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol on numerous occasions.

20. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-28a05, the Board may revoke, suspend, limit, censure or place under probationary conditions Licensee's license.

21. According to K.S.A. 65-28a05(a) and K.S.A. 77-505, the Board has authority to enter into this Consent Order without the necessity of proceeding to a formal hearing.

22. All pending investigation materials in KSBHA Investigation numbers 13-00331 and 14-00161 regarding Licensee, were fully reviewed and considered by the Board members who serve on the Board's Disciplinary Panel. Disciplinary Panel No. 28 authorized and directed Board counsel to seek settlement of this matter with the provisions contained in this Consent Order.

23. Licensee further understands and agrees that if the Board finds, after due written notice and an opportunity for a hearing, that Licensee has failed to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order, the Board may

immediately impose any sanction provided for by law, including but not limited to suspension or revocation of Licensee's license to practice physicians assistant in the State of Kansas. Licensee hereby expressly understands and agrees that, at any such hearing, the sole issue shall be whether or not Licensee has failed to comply with any of the terms or conditions set forth in this Consent Order. The Board acknowledges that at any such hearing, Licensee retains the right to confront and examine all witnesses, present evidence, testify on his own behalf, contest the allegations, present oral argument, appeal to the courts, and all other rights set forth in the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act, K.S.A. 77-501 *et seq.*, and the Kansas Physician Assistant Licensure Act, K.S.A. 65-28a-01 *et seq.*

24. Nothing in this Consent Order shall be construed to deny the Board jurisdiction to investigate alleged violations of the Kansas Physician Assistant Licensure 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 Physician Assistant Licensure Act.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. 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.

29. 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.

30. Licensee acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and fully understands the contents.
31. Licensee acknowledges that this Consent Order has been entered into freely and voluntarily.
32. All correspondence or communication between Licensee and the Board relating to the Consent Order shall be by certified mail addressed to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, Attn: Compliance Coordinator, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A, Topeka, Kansas 66612.
33. Licensee shall obey all federal, state and local laws and rules governing the practice of physician assistant in the State of Kansas that may be in place at the time of execution of the Consent Order or may become effective subsequent to the execution of this document.
34. Upon execution of this Consent Order by affixing a Board authorized signature below, the provisions of this Consent Order shall become a Final Order under K.S.A. 77-526. 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.
35. This Consent Order constitutes non-disciplinary public action.

36. The Board may consider all aspects of this Consent Order in any future matter regarding Licensee.

37. In lieu of conducting a formal proceeding, Licensee, by signature affixed to this Consent Order, hereby voluntarily agrees to the following non-disciplinary public action on his license to engage in the practice of a physician assistant:

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44. Licensee shall immediately notify the Board or its designee of any citation, arrest or charge filed against him or of any conviction for any criminal or traffic misdemeanor or felony offenses.

45. Licensee shall at all times keep Board staff informed of all his current practice locations, addresses and telephone numbers. Licensee shall provide the above information in writing to the Board within ten (10) days of any such change.

TIMEFRAME

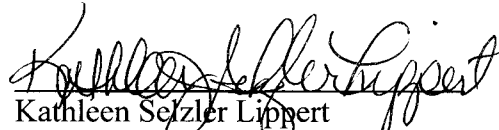
46. The above monitoring provisions are not self-terminating. After four (4) years, Licensee may request modification or termination of the provisions. For any

period of time that Licensee is not actively practicing medicine and surgery in Kansas, the monitoring provisions will remain in effect but will be tolled.

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 SO ORDERED on this 15 day of ~~March~~ ^{Aug}, 2014.

**FOR THE KANSAS STATE
BOARD OF HEALING ARTS:**

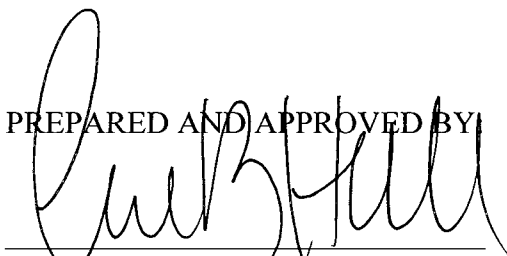

Kathleen Seizler Lippert
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Lance Krueger, P.A.
Licensee

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the Consent Order by United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 15th day of August, 2014, to the following:

Lance Krueger, P.A.
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Salina, KS 67401
Licensee

And the original was hand-filed with:

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And a copy was hand-delivered to:

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