

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

In the Matter of)
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Matthew K. Steadham, P.A.) Docket No. 13-HA00062
Kansas License No. 15-01285)

CONSENT ORDER

COMES NOW, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, (“Board”), by and through Stacy R. Bond, Associate Litigation Counsel (“Petitioner”), and Matthew K. Steadham, P.A. (“Licensee”), by and through his counsel, Patricia Dengler, and move the Board for approval of a Consent Order affecting Licensee’s license to practice as a 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** , Derby, Kansas 67037.
2. Licensee is or has been entitled to engage in the practice of as a physician assistant in the State of Kansas, having been issued License No. 15-01285 on approximately January 14, 2009. Licensee’s license is 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 as a physician assistant. K.S.A. 65-28a01 *et seq.* and K.S.A. 65-28a02.
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 and 65-2838. 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, to take action with respect to Licensee's license under the Kansas Physician Assistant Licensure Act, K.S.A. 65-28a01, *et seq.*
9. Petitioner incorporates herein by reference as if fully restated herein the Petition filed on March 26, 2013.

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 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.
11. Licensee's acts, if proven, constitute unprofessional conduct as set forth in K.S.A. 65-28a05.
12. Licensee's acts, if proven, constitute professional incompetency as set forth in K.S.A. 65-28a05(c).
13. Licensee violated K.S.A. 65-28a05(a), as further defined in K.A.R. 100-28a-8(i), in that Licensee has prescribed, sold, administered, distributed, or given a controlled substance to any person for other than a medically accepted or lawful purpose.
14. Licensee violated K.S.A. 28a05(a), as further defined in K.A.R. 100-28a-8(j), in that Licensee has prescribed, dispensed, administered, or distributed a prescription drug or substance, including a controlled substance, in an excessive, improper, or inappropriate manner or quantity, or not in the course of the licensee's professional practice.
15. Licensee violated K.S.A. 65-28a05(a), as further defined by K.A.R. 100-28a-8(u), in that Licensee has failed to keep written medical records that accurately describe the services rendered to the patient.

16. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-28a05, the Board may revoke, suspend, censure, fine, or otherwise limit Licensee's license for violations of the Kansas Physician Assistant Licensure Act.
17. According to K.S.A.65-2838(b) 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.
18. All pending investigation materials in KSBHA Investigation number 11-00593 regarding Licensee, were fully reviewed and considered by the Board members who serve on the Board's Disciplinary Panel. Disciplinary Panel No. 27 authorized and directed Board counsel to seek settlement of this matter with the provisions contained in this Consent Order.
19. 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 as a physician 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. 65-28a01 *et seq.*

20. 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.
21. 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.
22. 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.

23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. Licensee acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and fully understands the contents.
27. Licensee acknowledges that this Consent Order has been entered into freely and voluntarily.
28. 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.

29. Licensee shall obey all federal, state and local laws and rules governing the practice as a 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.
30. 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. 65-2838. 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.
31. This Consent Order constitutes disciplinary action.
32. The Board may consider all aspects of this Consent Order in any future matter regarding Licensee.
33. In lieu of conducting a formal proceeding, Licensee, by signature affixed to this Consent Order, hereby voluntarily agrees to the following disciplinary action against his license to engage in the practice as a physician assistant:

CENSURE

34. Licensee is publicly censured for violating the Physician Assistant Licensure Act.

EDUCATION

35. Licensee shall attend and successful complete a continuing education course for concerning proper prescribing practices, by December 31, 2013, at his own

expense. The course must be pre-approved by the Board or its designee.

Licensee shall provide proof of successful completion by January 31, 2014.

36. The Board hereby appoints Disciplinary Panel 27 to review and approve the continuing education course concerning proper prescribing practices.

37. Said continuing education course(s) shall consist of a formal live lecture format.

38. These hours shall be in addition to those hours required for renewal of licensure.

39. Licensee shall attend and successfully complete financial counseling offered by Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Inc. or a similar entity in his area.

40. Said credit counseling shall be completed by December 31, 2013. Licensee shall provide proof of successful completion by January 31, 2014.

MONITORING

41. Licensee agrees to the monitoring of 100% of his prescribing practices by a Kansas-licensed physician for a period of at least three (3) consecutive months. Such monitoring shall be conducted at Licensee's own expense. The monitor must be pre-approved by the Board or the Board's designee.

42. For each prescription written or authorized by Licensee, Licensee shall document the initial prescription in the patient chart and in a separate log to be maintained for each patient. Such log shall be on a form provided by Board staff to Licensee. The log shall serve as a reference to determine all patients who were prescribed medications each month.

43. At the end of each month, the monitor shall review all the patient charts for every patient for which Licensee wrote or authorized prescriptions during that month. The monitor shall then submit a monthly report to the Board which is due on the

30th day of the following month. The report shall be on a form provided by Board staff and shall include the number patient charts reviewed, a brief summary of Licensee's prescribing activity during the month and an opinion as to whether Licensee is prescribing medications within the standard of care. The monitor must immediately notify Board staff if he/she believes Licensee is prescribing medications in an inappropriate manner or outside the standard of care.

44. The Board hereby approves Dr. Richard S. Toon to act as the practice monitor for Licensee.

45. Licensee is responsible for ensuring the monitor's timely submission of the report each month. For any period(s) of time that Licensee is not actively practicing the healing arts in Kansas, the monitoring provisions of this Consent Order shall be tolled and not be counted in reducing the required timeframe for monitoring.

46. Licensee will furnish a copy of this Consent Order to each and every state in which he holds licensure or applies for licensure and to an appropriate work site supervisor or personnel.

47. 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.

COSTS

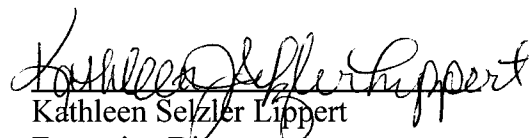
48. Licensee is hereby ordered to pay the Board's incurred COSTS in conducting these proceedings under the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act in the amount of \$682.50. The total amount of \$682.50 shall be due on or before September 15, 2013.

49. In the alternative, Licensee may make monthly payments of \$56.87 for eleven (11) months with a twelfth (12th) and final monthly payment of \$56.93 for a total of \$682.50 to be paid over twelve (12) months. The initial payment is due on or before September 15, 2013, with the remainder of the monthly payments due on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of each month thereafter.
50. In the event that the Board does not receive a payment due and owing, the total amount of the assessed COSTS still due shall become immediately due and payable in full upon written notice by the Board to Licensee stating that payment has not been received.
51. Licensee shall make all payments payable to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts and send all payments to the attention of: Compliance Coordinator, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A, Topeka, Kansas 66612.

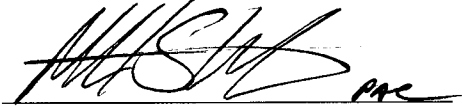
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Consent Order and agreement of the parties contained herein is adopted by the Board as findings of fact, conclusions of law, and as a Final Order of the Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this 16 day of Aug, 2013.

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


Kathleen Selzler Lippert
Executive Director

8/16/13
Date

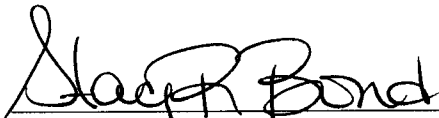


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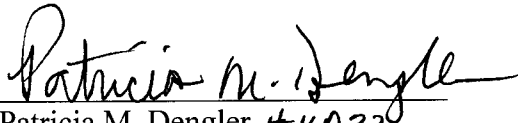
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the Consent Order by United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 19th day of August, 2013, to the following:

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And the original was hand-filed with:

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