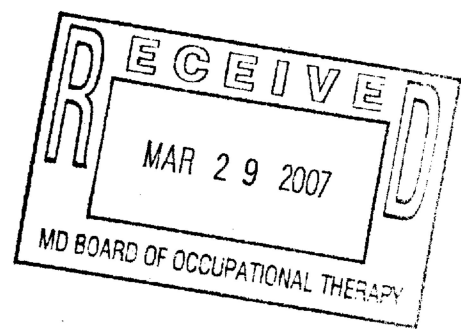


March 19, 2007

Claudia A. McInerney, MOT, OTR/L
Board Chairperson
Board of Occupational Therapy Practice
Spring Grove Hospital Center
Benjamin Rush Building
55 Wade Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21228



Dear Ms. McInerney and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to permanently surrender my license to practice as an occupational therapy assistant in the State of Maryland, License Number A00283. I understand that I may not participate in an initial screening and evaluation that applies the principles and procedures of occupational therapy, or a treatment program that applies the principles and procedures of occupational therapy, or otherwise practice limited occupational therapy as it is defined in the Maryland Occupational Therapy Practice Act ("the Act"), codified at Md. Health Occ. ("H.O.") Code Ann. §§ 10-101 *et seq.* (2005 Repl. Vol.). In other words, as of April 3, 2007, the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT.

My decision to surrender my license to practice limited occupational therapy in Maryland resolves Charges brought against me by the Maryland State Board of Occupational Therapy ("the Board"). The Charges allege that I engaged in sexual misconduct with several patients whom I treated as an occupational therapy assistant between 2004 and 2006. As a result of these allegations, the Board charged me with commission of violations of the Act. The pertinent provisions of the Act under § 10-315 provide as follows:

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 10-316 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license or temporary license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee or holder of a temporary license, place any licensee or holder of a temporary license on probation, or suspend or revoke a license or temporary license if the applicant, licensee, or holder:

- (3) Commits any act of gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the practice of occupational therapy or limited occupational therapy; [and]
- (5) Violates any rule or regulation of the Board, including any code of ethics adopted by the Board.

The Board also charged me with commission of prohibited acts under the Board's regulations. The pertinent regulations provide as follows:

COMAR 10.46.02.02B – The licensee may not:

- (1) Exploit the client sexually, physically, emotionally, socially, or in another manner; or
- (2) Engage in sexual misconduct which includes, but is not limited to, sexual behavior with the client or patient:

- (a) Regardless of whether the behavior occurs in the context of a professional evaluation, treatment, procedure, or other service to the client or patient; or
- (b) Under the pretense of diagnostic or therapeutic intent or benefit.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice limited occupational therapy in order to avoid further proceedings by the Board against my license. By virtue of this Letter of Surrender, I waive any right to contest the Charges. I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender to avoid prosecution of the aforementioned violations under the Act and in order to resolve this matter. I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender I am waiving any right to contest these issues in a formal evidentiary hearing and am waiving all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal. I make this decision after the opportunity to consult with an attorney.

I further recognize and agree that by signing this Letter of Surrender that my license will remain surrendered forever. In other words, I agree never to apply for reinstatement of my occupational therapy assistant license in the State of Maryland.

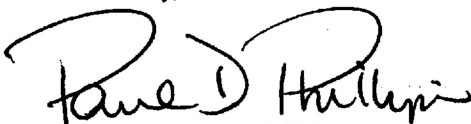
I hereby affirm that I have no privileges of any kind at any hospital, outpatient facility, nursing home, or other health care facility in the State of Maryland.

I acknowledge that on or before the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, if I have not already done so, I shall present to the Board my Maryland occupational therapy assistant license, including any renewal certificates and wallet-sized renewal cards.

I understand that the Board will advise the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Databank of this Letter of Surrender, and in response to any inquiry, that I have surrendered my license in lieu of disciplinary action under the Act. I also understand that in the event I would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this Letter of Surrender along with all underlying investigative documents may be released to the requesting governmental or licensing body.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have had the opportunity to consult with an attorney before signing this Letter of Surrender. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I acknowledge that I am competent to make this decision and I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Sincerely,



Paul D. Phillips, O.T.A.

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND
CITY/COUNTY OF BALTIMORE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 23RD day of MARCH, 2008⁷, before me, a Notary Public of the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Paul D. Phillips, O.T.A., and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that the signing of this Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.

Notary Public
KAREN S. LUSBY
Baltimore City, MD

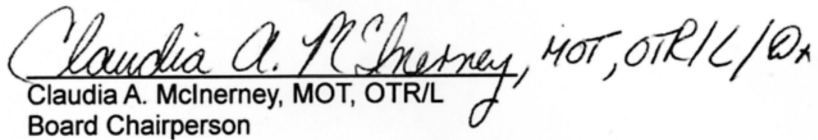

Notary Public

My commission expires:

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ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of the Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice, this 3RD day of April, 2007, I accept Paul D. Phillip's PUBLIC LETTER OF SURRENDER of his license to practice limited occupational therapy in the State of Maryland.


Claudia A. McInerney, MOT, OTR/L/OA
Board Chairperson