

IN THE MATTER OF \* BEFORE THE MARYLAND  
RHONDA R. JONES, P.T.A. \* STATE BOARD OF  
LICENSE NO. A2744 \* PHYSICAL THERAPY  
\* EXAMINERS

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**CONSENT ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT**

**Background Findings**

On April 11, 2008, the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (the "Board"), accepted the surrender of the physical therapist assistant license held by Rhonda Jones in lieu of instituting formal disciplinary proceedings against her based on substance abuse issues. The Letter of Surrender required that Ms. Jones submit to a substance abuse evaluation by a Board-appointed evaluator, prior to any consideration by the Board for reinstatement of her license. In March 2011, Ms. Jones made a request to the Board (the "Board") for reinstatement of her license to practice limited physical therapy. Ms. Jones was evaluated by a Board-appointed evaluator who issued a report, dated April 14, 2011. The evaluator determined that Ms. Jones was fit to practice under certain conditions, which have been incorporated herein.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Ms. Jones submitted to a substance abuse evaluation by a Board-appointed psychologist, on April 11, 2011. The evaluator found that Ms. Jones was fit to return safely to physical therapy practice under certain conditions.
2. Ms. Jones successfully completed a two-year substance abuse rehabilitation program and is actively involved in support groups.
3. Ms. Jones has been working as a professional caregiver for the past year.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Ms. Jones has sufficiently demonstrated that she is capable of practicing limited physical therapy in a safe and ethical manner under the terms and conditions outlined in this Order.

**ORDER**

Based on an affirmative vote of the Board, it is this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2011,  
hereby:

**ORDERED** that Ms. Jones' license to practice limited physical therapy be reinstated,  
*PROVIDED THAT MS. JONES FIRST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE* the following:

1. 20 continuing education credits; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that upon reinstatement, Ms. Jones' license shall be immediately placed on  
PROBATION for a minimum of THREE (3) YEARS, subject to the following conditions:

1. Ms. Jones may NOT practice in a home health setting;
2. Ms. Jones shall be subject to random monthly urine screens as directed by the Board;
3. Ms. Jones shall insure that her physical therapist supervisor submit quarterly progress reports to the Board;
4. Ms. Jones shall continue participation with Narcotics Anonymous or other support group at least three (3) times per week; and

**ORDERED** that all urine screens under this Order shall be:

1. Submitted by Ms. Jones within 24 hours of the Board staff instructing her to submit a urine sample;
2. Submitted at a CLIA-certified laboratory; and,

3. Negative for any controlled dangerous substance, narcotics, cocaine, or other mood-altering substance, except as provided below; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that Ms. Jones shall abstain from the ingestion of controlled dangerous substances, narcotics, cocaine, or other mood-altering substances, except that Ms. Jones may only ingest prescribed controlled dangerous substances for legitimate medical reasons under the following conditions:

- a. Ms. Jones must be a bona fide patient of a licensed Maryland prescriber who is aware of this Order;
- b. The medication must be lawfully prescribed by Ms. Jones' physician or other authorized medical practitioner;
- c. Ms. Jones must provide the Board, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving the medication: (a) the name and address of the prescriber; (b) the illness or medical condition diagnosed; (c) the type, strength, amount and dosage of the medication; (d) and a signed statement consenting to the release of all medical information about Ms. Jones from the prescriber to the Board; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that Ms. Jones' execution of this Order shall constitute a release of any and all medical records, substance abuse treatment records, and psychological/psychiatric records pertaining to Ms. Jones to the Board in complying with the terms and conditions set forth herein. Further, Ms. Jones agrees and consents to the release by the Board of any information or data produced in relation to this Order to any treatment provider; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that Ms. Jones shall at all times cooperate with the Board in the monitoring, supervision, and investigation of Ms. Jones' compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that Ms. Jones' failure to fully cooperate with the Board shall be deemed a violation of the probationary terms and a violation of this Order; and be it further,

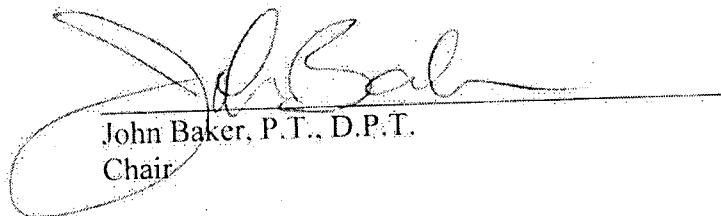
**ORDERED** that in the event the Board finds for any good faith reason that Ms. Jones has relapsed, has violated any of the conditions of probation herein, or in the event that the Board finds for any good faith reason that Ms. Jones has committed a violation of Title 13 of the Health Occupations Article or regulations adopted thereunder, the Board may immediately suspend Ms. Jones' license prior to a hearing; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that Ms. Jones may petition the Board for modification of the probationary terms herein after one (1) year provided that she has been fully compliant with all of the terms of probation and has no outstanding complaints against her;

**ORDERED** that Ms. Jones may petition the Board for release from probation after three (3) years provided that she has been fully compliant with all of the terms of probation and has no outstanding complaints against her; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that this is a formal order of the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and as such is a public document pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government Article, Section 10-617(h).

02/21/2012  
Date

  
John Baker, P.T., D.P.T.  
Chair

**CONSENT**

1. By signing this Consent, I hereby admit to the truth of the findings contained herein and agree to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.
2. By this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter. By signing this Consent, I waive any rights I may have had to contest the findings and determinations contained in this Consent Order.
3. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.
4. I sign this Consent Order freely and voluntarily, after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. I fully understand the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.

12-30-11  
Date

Rhonda Jones, P.T.A.  
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STATE OF MARYLAND  
COUNTY/CITY OF Allegany/Bohio

I hereby certify that on this 30 day of Dec., 2011, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared RHONDA JONES, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.

Supreme Campbell  
Notary Public  
My commission expires ~~03-31-13~~