
In the Matter of	*	LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
ERIC SCOTT FRUGE, P.T., license 01594		
MICHAEL LANDRY, P.T.A., license A2386G	*	PHYSICAL THERAPY
EXAMINERS		
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Respondents	*	Case Number 2007I11

CONSENT ORDER

Respondents Eric Scott Fruge, P.T., and Michael Landry, P.T.A. are the owners of Rehab Solutions, LLC, which contracted in 2005 with the Rayne Guest House (RGH) to provide physical therapy services for patients at that long-term care facility. Prior to that undertaking, Fruge and Landry had worked together since 1993 and had been business partners since 2003. Landry treated patients at RGH under Fruge's supervision. On sixth visits with patients, Fruge would be present for treatment and would observe Landry's treatment, but would not provide direct patient care himself. Further, documentation of sixth visits was delegated to the P.T.A.

Licensees acknowledge that their long-term working relationship has led them to become lax in complying with supervision and documentation requirements and indicate that they are no longer working at the same facility as part of efforts to be more professional and compliant.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Fruge failed to treat and reassess some patients on sixth visits, but only observed the treatment being provided by the P.T.A. As a result, he did not provide "hands on" treatment to some of the patients seen for PT at RGH. He also failed to document some sixth visits himself.

2. Respondent Landry provided treatment on sixth visits with patients and documented such visits, in conflict with Board rules on supervision and documentation.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. In treating patients at the Rayne Guest House, Respondent Fruge failed to meet the requirements of Rule 321A(1)(d) regarding sixth treatment visits.

2. In treating patients at the Rayne Guest House, Respondent Landry provided the sixth visit treatment and documented that treatment, both of which are in violation of Rule 321A(1)(d).

DECISION

Pursuant to the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law, Respondent and the Board, by vote of quorum, agree as follows:

A. Respondents Fruge and Landry shall each take the jurisprudence continuing education course offered by the Board by the end of 2007;

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B. Respondents shall notify the Board's Executive Director in writing of their employment or contract arrangements for providing physical therapy and shall identify all work sites and supervisors at each work site. Notice of any change in such arrangements shall be provided in writing to the Executor Director within five days of such change.

C. For one year from the date of signing of this Consent Order, Board representatives will monitor each licensee's practice by making random visits to his work site, observing patient care, reviewing patient records and interviewing patients and staff at the facility regarding treatment protocols. Respondents Fruge and Landry shall reimburse the Board in the amount of \$100 for each such monitoring visit by a Board representative.

D. Respondents shall meet with Board representatives upon reasonable notice to discuss their practices and procedures in providing patient care and complying with Board rules.


E. Failure by a Respondent to comply with any term of this Consent Order shall constitute just cause for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's license under the auspices of this Board, and may subject him to any other disciplinary action within the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

F. Respondents declare that, before signing this Consent Order, each has carefully read this document, understands the contents and freely consents to it as valid and binding upon him. He is aware of his right to a formal hearing and he waives that right. He has been informed of his right to seek counsel and hereby waives that right.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED on this 12 day of October, 2007.




Michael Landry, P.T.A.



Eric Scott Fruge, P.T.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED by official action of the Board, the 26th day of April, 2007 at Lafayette, Louisiana.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
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Barbara Adcock, P.T., Chair

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