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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS  
**Board of Physical Therapy Examiners**

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**In the Matter of**  
**STEPHEN KRAMER, P.T.**  
**License No. 01644**  
**Respondent**

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- **CONSENT ORDER**  
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- **ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO.**  
- **98-001**

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A Formal Evidentiary Hearing was scheduled before the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (the "Board") on February 19, 1998, to address alleged, specific violations of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Practice Act by the Respondent, Stephen Kramer ("Kramer"), to-wit: failure to properly supervise supportive personnel rendering physical therapy services to patients, LSA R.S. 37:2413A(1), Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Sections 305, 321 and 325 et seq.; and practicing physical therapy which does not conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing physical therapy practice, such failure constituting unprofessional conduct, LSA R.S. 37:2413A(7), Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Sections 325 et seq. and 327 more particularly.

In attendance, at the Pre-hearing Conference were Respondent, Stephen Kramer, the Complainant, Paul A. Lamothe, Jr., P.T.; and Michael A. Tomino, Jr., attorney for Board.

Upon consideration and discussion and evidence presented at the Conference and thereafter to the Board, this Consent Order, effective February 19, 1998, is voluntarily entered into by and between Respondent, Stephen Kramer and the Board which was comprised of Sharon A. Toups, Gail Pearce and Gregory Ward for the purposes of this proceeding. Board member Rebecca B. Lege' recused herself due to information of which she became aware of during the investigation of this matter. Board member David Vidrine recused himself for personal reasons.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent, Stephen Kramer, P.T., is, and at all times and materials of the facts alleged herein was, a physical therapist duly licensed by the Board to practice as a physical therapist in the State of Louisiana pursuant to the Physical Therapy Practice Act of Louisiana, La. R.S. 37:2401 et seq., as evidenced by License No. 01644.

2. At all pertinent times herein, more particularly, six (6) Thursdays during October 1996 and November 1996, Respondent was employed as a physical therapist at Lafayette General Medical Center, Sports Medicine Clinic in Lafayette, Louisiana.
3. On the referenced six (6) Thursdays during October 1996 through November 1996, for one-half (1/2) day each, Respondent failed to properly supervise supportive personnel rendering physical therapy services to patients at Lafayette General Medical Center, Sports Medicine Clinic.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. It was unlawful for Respondent who is licensed under the Physical Therapy Practice Act of Louisiana and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereto to fail to properly supervise supportive personnel rendering physical therapy services to patients at Lafayette General Medical Center, Sports Medicine Clinic. LSA R.S. 37:2413(A)(1); Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Sections 305 and 321 et seq.
5. Respondent failed to properly supervise the supportive personnel under his authority and did not conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing physical therapy practice, such failure constituting unprofessional conduct on his part and lawful grounds for the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, upon due notice of hearing, to suspend or revoke Respondent's license to practice physical therapy in the State of Louisiana, or other disciplinary action as provided by law. LSA R.S. 37:2413(A)(7); Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Sections 321 and 323 et seq. and 327 more particularly.

### DECISION

Considering the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by LSA R.S. 37:2401 et seq.:

**IT IS ORDERED** that judgment be rendered against Stephen Kramer, P.T. and based on the evidence, testimony introduced at the hearing and admissions under oath by him to the charges which have been submitted in this matter, that his license to practice physical be placed on probation for a period of two (2) years of active practice to commence March 1, 1998 through February 29, 2000.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that during the two (2) year probation period set forth above should Respondent not practice physical therapy as a licensee in the State of Louisiana, then the remaining term of the probationary period yet to be served at that time

shall be suspended for the duration of the cessation. During the cessation period referenced herein, Respondent's license shall remain under sanction by the Board.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within five (5) days after the receipt of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Board office a sworn affidavit under oath that he has read and understands the Physical Therapy Practice Act, the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board, and the American Physical Therapy Association's Code of Ethics, Guide for Professional Conduct, and Standards of Practice, a copy of which has been supplied to him.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent shall return his license to the Board office on or before March 1, 1998 for the appropriate sanction to be stamped thereon.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent shall be available for attendance at scheduled Board meetings upon reasonable advance notice to review compliance with the terms of the probation.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that an Informal Conference will be conducted at the end of the entire sanction period referenced above between a representative committee of the Board and Respondent whereby a Respondent's case will be reviewed at that time.

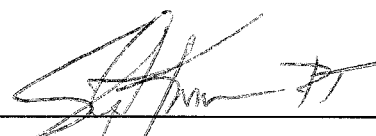
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent, must pay the costs of the Administrative Hearing held in this matter upon demand.


**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent's failure to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order shall be deemed just cause for the suspension or revocation of his license or temporary permit, or other disciplinary action, as if such violation were enumerated among the causes provided by LSA R.S. 37:2413 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the existence and terms of this Consent Order are not confidential or privileged information.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Respondent hereby releases the Board, its representatives and attorney from any obligations or liability in their endeavors to administer this Consent Order.

**THUS SIGNED** before me, Notary Public, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1998, in Lafayette, Louisiana.

  
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**Stephen Kramer, P.T.**

  
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**Notary Public**

THUS SIGNED before me, Notary Public, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February,  
1998, in Laplace, Louisiana.

Sharon A. Toups  
Sharon A. Toups, P.T.

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Notary Public