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**Board of Examiner for Audiologists, Hearing
Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists
& Music Therapists**

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January 24, 2023

**VIA CERTIFIED, FIRST-CLASS MAIL
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Maureen Evans
2608 Stanley Dr
Baldwin, MD 21013

License No.: 07140

Re: Consent Order of Reprimand and Imposition of Fine ("Consent Order")
Case Number: AHS-01-2023

Dear Mrs. Evans:

The Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists & Music Therapists (the "Board") is offering you a Consent Order in lieu of issuing formal disciplinary charges for violations of Maryland Health Occupation Article § 2-314, specifically §2-314(6) ("violates any provision of this title") and §2-314(11) ("violates any...regulation adopted by the Board"). The proposed Consent Order in this case deals specifically with your unlicensed practice between May 31, 2022 and December 28, 2022. By entering into this Consent Order, the Board is offering you the opportunity to resolve this matter without proceeding with formal administrative charges and a hearing.

Enclosed is the Consent Order for your review and consideration. On January 19, 2023 the Board voted to offer you this Consent Order, including these specific terms and conditions. If you agree with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, please return it with your notarized signature to:

IN THE MATTER OF * **BEFORE THE MARYLAND**
MAUREEN EVANS * **BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR**
License Number 07140 * **AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING**
Case Number AHSM-01-2023 * **AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH**
* **LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**
& MUSIC THERAPISTS
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CONSENT ORDER OF REPRIMAND AND FINE

On December 27, 2022 the Maryland Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists & Music Therapists (the “Board”) received information regarding the speech-language pathology practice of Maureen Evans (the “Respondent”), license number 07140. Based on that correspondence, the Board agreed to the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in an effort to reach a resolution of the case prior to the issuance of formal charges for violations of the Maryland Audiology, Hearing Aid Dispensing, Speech-Language Pathology, and Music Therapy Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Annotated, Health Occupations Article (“Health Occ.”), §2-101 *et seq.* and the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), Chapter 10, Subchapter 41.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that:

1. The Board originally issued the Respondent a license to practice Speech-Language Pathology on February 26, 2013,

2. The Respondent's license to practice Speech-Language Pathology expired on May 31, 2022,
3. The Respondent failed to renew her license prior to the end of the renewal window on June 30, 2021,
4. The Respondent submitted an application for reinstatement on December 28, 2022 which verified she treated patients between May 31, 2021 and December 28, 2022 while her license was expired,
5. The Respondent's license to practice speech-language pathology was subsequently reinstated with an expiration date of May 31, 2024,
6. The Board met on January 19, 2023 and voted to offer a Pre-Charge Consent Order to the Respondent for violations of the Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §2-301(a)(1) and COMAR 10.41.05.03(C).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent is subject to discipline for violations of :

Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 2-314:

- (6) Violates any provision of this title,
- (11) Violates any lawful order given or regulation adopted by the Board,

Md. Code. Ann. Health Occ. §2-301(a)(1) states that:

(a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice audiology, hearing aid dispensing, or

speech-language pathology, or assist in the practice of speech-language pathology in this State.

COMAR 10.41.03.05(C) states that:

A licensee who has failed to renew a license to practice in this State by June 30 the year in which the license is due to be renewed is prohibited from practicing in this State.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the license of the Respondent to practice as a speech-language pathologist in the State of Maryland is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that, no later than **ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) DAYS** of the effective date of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall pay to the Board a monetary fine of **ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)** in full by money order or cashier's check made payable to the Board and delivered personally or by certified mail to the Board within **ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) DAYS** of the effective date of this Consent Order. Failure to pay this monetary fine in full to the Board within **ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) DAYS** of the effective date of this Consent Order shall constitute a violation of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall comply with and practice within all statutes and regulations governing the practice of hearing aid dispensing in the State of Maryland; and it is further,

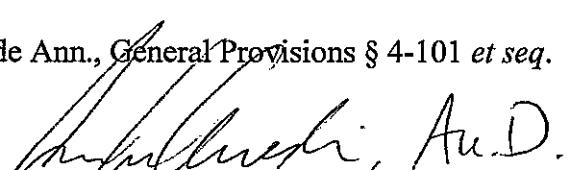
ORDERED that if the Respondent violates any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, the Board, in its discretion, after notice and an opportunity for an evidentiary hearing before the

Board, if there is a genuine dispute as to the material fact(s), or an opportunity for a show cause hearing before the Board, may impose any other disciplinary sanction which the Board may have imposed in this case under Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 2-314 including a probation, suspension, revocation, and/or additional monetary fine, said violation being proven by a preponderance of the evidence; and it is further

ORDERED that this is a Final Decision and Order of the Board and, as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Maryland Code Ann., General Provisions § 4-101 *et seq.*

2/28/2023

Date


Dr. Arifa Qureshi, Au.D., CCC-A, Board Chair
Maryland Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing
Aid Dispensers, Speech Language Pathologists, and Music
Therapists

CONSENT

By this Consent, I acknowledge that I have read this Consent Order in its entirety and I hereby admit the truth of the Findings of Fact, and accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions. I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to legal counsel authorized to practice law in Maryland, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to request subpoenas for witnesses, to call witnesses on my own behalf, to introduce testimony and evidence on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law. I waive these rights, as well as any appeal rights under Maryland Code Annotated, State Government Article § 10-222.

I sign this Consent Order after having an opportunity to consult with an attorney, voluntarily and without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning, terms, and effect of this Consent Order.

2/17/23
Date

Maureen S. Evans, m.s., CCR-549
Maureen Evans, License Number 07140 #07140

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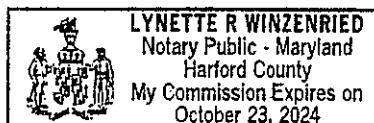
Maureen S. Evans for /
CITY/COUNTY of Havre de Grace

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17th day of February, 2023, before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared **Maureen Evans** and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

Lynette R. Winzenried

Notary Public



My Commission Expires: 10/23/2024