

IN THE MATTER OF AMY KUHL

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BEFORE THE MARYLAND
BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY PRACTICE

AMY KUHL

License Number: 07788

Case Number: 2022-005

CONSENT ORDER OF REPRIMAND AND FINE

On July 8, 2021, Amy Kuhl ("Respondent") emailed the Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice (the "Board") inquiring about the status of her license to practice occupational therapy, License Number 07788, in the State of Maryland. The Respondent advised she did not see her license listed as renewed on the Board's website. The Board had no record at that time of the Respondent renewing her license. The Respondent subsequently submitted an application and payment to reinstate her expired license.

Based on the Board's investigation into the Respondent's conduct, including a written response through counsel to the Board on March 18, 2022, the Board voted on April 15, 2022 to offer a Consent Order of Reprimand to the Respondent, in lieu of issuing Charges for violating the Maryland Occupational Therapy Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations Article ("H.O.") §§ 10-101 *et seq.* As a result of that offer, the Respondent and the Board agreed to the following Consent Order.



FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that:

1. On September 21, 2015, the Board issued the Respondent a license to practice as an Occupational Therapist in the State of Maryland, License Number 07788.
2. The Respondent failed to renew her license during the timely renewal period for Occupation Therapy licenses between May 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021.
3. The Respondent also failed to renew her license during the grace period for renewals between June 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.¹
4. The Respondent's license expired on June 30, 2021.
5. The Respondent contacted the Board on July 8, 2021 with concerns her license did not appear as "renewed" on the Board's website.
6. The Board had no record of the Respondent submitting an application for renewal of her license during the 2021 renewal window, nor the grace period following the renewal window.
7. The Respondent subsequently applied for reinstatement with the Board and indicated in a July 14, 2021 e-mail to the Board that she had not worked between June 30, 2021 and July 14, 2021.

¹ (f) The Board shall renew the license of an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant who has failed to renew the license for any reason if the occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant:

- (1) Applies for renewal within 30 days after the deadline for renewal;
- (2) Meets the renewal requirements of this section;
- (3) Pays to the Board the renewal fee set by the Board; and
- (4) Pays to the Board the late fee set by the Board.

Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 10-311

8. In a written statement submitted to the Board through Counsel, the Respondent later admitted to treating four patients between July 13 and July 14, 2021 while her application for reinstatement was pending.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent violated the following provisions of the Act:

Md. Code Ann., Health Occ Art..

§10-401(a): Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice occupational therapy in this State unless licensed by the Board to practice occupational therapy by the Board.

§10-402(a): Unless authorized to practice occupational therapy under this title or unless otherwise provided for under this article, a person may not represent to the public by title, by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise that the person is authorized to practice occupational therapy in this State.

The Board also concludes that by practicing occupational therapy without a license the Respondent violated Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 10-315, which allows the Board to "... reprimand any licensee" who:

- (5) Violates any rule or regulation of the Board, including any code of ethics adopted by the Board[.]



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 an occupational therapist in the State of Maryland is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall comply with the Maryland Occupational Therapy Practice Act, Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. §§ 10-101 *et seq.*, and all Federal and State laws and regulations governing the practice of occupational therapy in Maryland; 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.*

06/08/2021
Date

Wanda R. Banks, MA, OTR/L
Wanda R. Banks, M.A./OTR/L, Chair
Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

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.

11/29/2022
Date

Amy Kuhl
Amy Kuhl, License Number 07788

NOTARIZATION

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY of Howard

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 29th day of May, 2022, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, AMY KUHL personally appeared, and declared and affirmed under penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

Padmavantha Katuri

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

