

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND STATE
LYNNE GEORGE-DORSEY, O.T.	*	
REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT	*	BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL
License Number: 02657	*	
Case Number: 2019-003	*	THERAPY PRACTICE

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CONSENT ORDER OF REPRIMAND

On or about July 19, 2018, Lynne George-Dorsey, O.T. (the "Applicant"), License Number 02657, submitted a reinstatement application for occupational therapist to the Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice (the "Board"). On the same day, the Applicant disclosed that she worked as an occupational therapist after the June 30, 2018 expiration of her license. Based on this information, the Board conducted an investigation. In a letter to the Board dated July 19, 2018, the Applicant explained that she "forgot to renew [her license] in a timely manner."

Based upon the Applicant's reinstatement application and the Applicant's July 19, 2018 written response to the Board, on July 20, 2018 the Board voted to offer a Consent Order of Reprimand to the Applicant, in lieu of issuing Charges for violations of 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 Applicant and the Board agreed to the following Consent Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that:

1. On or about March 31, 1992, the Board issued the Applicant a license to practice

as an occupational therapist in the State of Maryland, license number 02657.

2. After failing to submit a renewal application by the applicable deadline, the Applicant's license expired on June 30, 2018.

3. On or about July 19, 2018, the Board received the Applicant's license reinstatement application. At that time, the Applicant disclosed to the Board that on July 13, 2018, she conducted an assessment on a student for an individualized education program and on July 16, 2018, she conducted testing on two (2) students. The Board investigated the matter.

4. In a written statement submitted to the Board on or about July 19, 2018, the Applicant explained that she "let the renewal deadline and grace period slip away from [her] memory," which led to her practicing without a license. She stated that she regrets not renewing on time.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the Board concludes that the Applicant 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

Applicant violated Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 10-315. Specifically:

§10-315...[T]he Board, may deny a license or temporary license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee or holder of a temporary license, place any licensee or holder of a temporary license on probation, or suspend or revoke a license or temporary license if the applicant, licensee or holder:

(5) Violates any rule or regulation of the Board, including any code of ethics adopted by the Board; and

(12) Submits a false statement to collect a fee.

ORDER

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

ORDERED that the request by the Applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist in the State of Maryland is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Board shall **ISSUE** to the Applicant a license to practice as an occupational therapist in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that the license of the Applicant to practice as an occupational therapist in the State of Maryland is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Applicant shall comply with the Maryland Occupational Therapy Practice Act, Md. Code of 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 document is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT under Md. Code Ann. General Provisions § 4-101, *et seq.*

10/3/2018

Date



Wanda R. Banks, M.A./O.T.R./L, Chair
Maryland State 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 legal authority and jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. 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.

9/27/18
Date



Lynne George-Dorsey, O.T.

NOTARIZATION

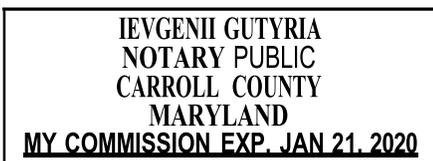
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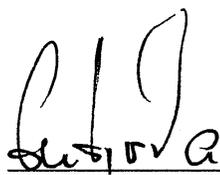
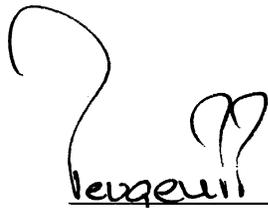
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I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that on this 27th day of September, 2018, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared **Lynne George-Dorsey** and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order of Reprimand was the voluntary act and deed of **Lynne George-Dorsey**.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and Notarial Seal.

SEAL





Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1/21/2020