

**IN THE MATTER OF
JENNIFER CHU, P.T.
LICENSE NO. 18949**

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**BEFORE THE MARYLAND
BOARD OF PHYSICAL
THERAPY EXAMINERS**

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PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER

Background

On May 31, 2011, the license to practice physical therapy held by the Respondent, Jennifer Chu, P.T. (the “Respondent”) expired. On March 13, 2013, the Respondent contacted the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (the “Board”) during which she notified the Board that she inadvertently failed to renew her license and had been practicing in Maryland without a license since June 1, 2011.

In lieu of issuing formal Charges against the Respondent for violations of the Maryland Physical Therapy Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 13-101 *et seq.*, the Board voted to resolve this matter by way of a Pre-Charge Consent Order. As a result, the Board and the Respondent have agreed to resolve this matter as set forth in this Consent Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent was originally licensed in Maryland on October 23, 1997.
2. On May 31, 2011, the Respondent’s license to practice physical therapy in Maryland expired.
3. Due to the Respondent’s relocation of her business office, and other personal issues, the Respondent inadvertently failed to renew her license.
4. In addition, the Respondent failed to notify the Board of her change of mailing address.
5. On March 13, 2013, the Respondent contacted the Board to report the lapse of her license

and was advised to immediately cease practicing.

6. The Respondent filed a written statement of explanation detailing various personal issues that contributed to her failure to timely renew her license. In addition, the Respondent indicated that she only practiced in Maryland on a limited basis (once a week) during the period of lapse.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent is in violation of the Maryland Physical Therapy Act, Health Occ. §§13-316(15) and 13-401.

ORDER


Based on an affirmative vote of the Board, it is this 3rd day of April, 2013, hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent pay a fine of \$5,000, payable to the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners within six (6) months of the date of this Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent submit a reinstatement application and comply with all applicable fee and continuing education requirements; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is a formal order of the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and as such is a public document pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government Article, Section 10-617(h).

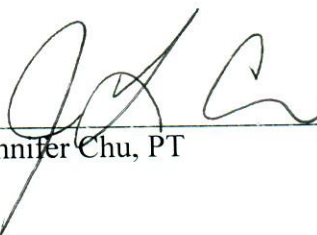
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John Baker, P.T., DScPT
Chair

CONSENT

1. By signing this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter in lieu of formal charges, which process would have afforded me the right to a full evidentiary hearing. I consent and submit to the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order as if made after a full evidentiary hearing in which I would have the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law.
2. By signing this Consent, I waive any rights I may have had to contest the findings and determinations contained in this Consent Order.
3. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.
4. I sign this Consent Order freely and voluntarily, after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. I fully understand the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.

3/25/2013
Date



Jennifer Chu, PT

STATE OF ~~MARYLAND~~ *Virginia*
COUNTY/CITY OF *Fairfax* :

I hereby certify that on this *25th* day of *March*, 2013, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared JENNIFER CHU and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.



Elvira V Guerreiro
Notary Public 135888
Commonwealth of Virginia

My Commission Expires January 31, 2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elvira Guerreiro", written over a horizontal line.

Notary Public

My commission expires *January 31, 2016*