

IN THE MATTER OF  
STEPHANIE ALLEN  
APPLICANT

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BEFORE THE MARYLAND  
STATE BOARD OF  
PHARMACY  
Case No. 21-217

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**CONSENT ORDER FOR INITIAL REGISTRATION**

**HISTORY**

On or about July 9, 2020, the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) received an application for registration as a pharmacy technician from Stephanie Allen. On her application, Ms. Allen answered “yes” to personal attestation questions regarding her disciplinary history in another state and her employment history. Based on the information submitted by Ms. Allen and concerns about her mental and physical competency, the Board ordered Ms. Allen to undergo an evaluation with a Board-approved evaluator. The Board received a report of Ms. Allen’s evaluation on or about March 27, 2021, in which the evaluator opined that Ms. Allen could safely and competently practice as a pharmacy technician in Maryland with ongoing monitoring.

In lieu of pursuing formal proceedings, in accordance with the Maryland Pharmacy Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 12-101 *et seq.*, the Board held a Case Resolution Conference (“CRC”) with members of the Board, Board Counsel, and Ms. Allen on June 9, 2021. Thereafter, the Board and Ms. Allen agreed to resolve this matter as set forth in this Consent Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On or about July 9, 2020, the Board received an application for registration as a pharmacy technician from Ms. Allen. On her application, Ms. Allen answered “yes” to four personal attestation questions – including Question 3, which asks whether “you surrendered or failed to

renew a healthcare registration or license in any state,” and Question 5, which asks whether “your employment at any pharmacy” had been “terminated for disciplinary reasons.”

2. Ms. Allen included a written explanation with her application, which indicated that she was under monitoring in Arizona for a self-reported issue with drug use, and that she surrendered her registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in Arizona because she could no longer be monitored by Arizona after abruptly moving to Maryland. Ms. Allen also provided a copy of her Consent Order for Voluntary Surrender with the Arizona Board of Pharmacy, which revealed that she had been fired by her pharmacy employer after a relapse prior to moving to Maryland.

3. Following a review of Ms. Allen’s application, the Board determined it was appropriate to refer Ms. Allen to a Board-approved evaluator to determine her fitness to practice as a pharmacy technician in Maryland. Ms. Allen submitted to an evaluation on March 15, 2021. On or about March 27, 2021, the Board received a report from the evaluator, in which he stated she could safely and competently practice in Maryland with ongoing monitoring and self-care.

4. In order to resolve any remaining concerns, the Board held a CRC with Ms. Allen on June 9, 2021. At the CRC, Ms. Allen frankly discussed her history of drug use and numerous steps she had taken to address the issue. Ms. Allen also explained the series of events that led her to abruptly move to Maryland. Ms. Allen took care to note that she had never been accused of diverting any controlled substances from a pharmacy employer. Ms. Allen also discussed her living situation in Maryland and her support system keeping her safe and healthy. Ms. Allen indicated a strong willingness to do whatever it took to avoid future issues with drug use.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Ms. Allen is subject to discipline pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 12-6B-02(b)(1) and 12-6B-09(21) & (24).

**ORDER**

It is this 25 day of Jan, 2022, by an affirmative vote of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, hereby:

**ORDERED** that Ms. Allen's application for registration as a pharmacy technician be **GRANTED**, provided that she is otherwise qualified for a registration; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that, upon issuance, Ms. Allen's registration shall be placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **TWO (2) YEARS**, during which she shall:

1. Within five (5) business days, enter into a rehabilitation contract with Pharmacy Rehabilitation Services ("PRS");
2. Fully and timely cooperate and comply with all of PRS's referrals, rules, and requirements, including, but not limited to, the terms and conditions of the contract, and fully participate and comply with all therapy, treatment, evaluations, and screenings as directed by PRS;
3. Sign and update the written release/consent forms requested by the Board and PRS, including release/consent forms to authorize PRS to make verbal and written disclosures to the Board and to authorize the Board to disclose relevant information from PRS records and files in a public order, which she shall not withdraw during the probationary period; and
4. Sign any written release/consent forms to authorize PRS to exchange with (i.e., disclose to and receive from) outside entities (including all of the Respondent's current therapists and treatment providers) verbal and written information concerning the Respondent and to ensure that PRS is authorized to receive the medical records of the Respondent, including, but not limited to, mental health and drug or alcohol evaluation and treatment records, which she shall not withdraw during the probationary period; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that after two (2) years of probation, Ms. Allen may petition the Board to terminate probation, provided that she has been fully compliant with the terms of probation and does not have any pending complaints filed against her; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that Ms. Allen shall at all times cooperate with the Board, its agents, or its employees in the monitoring, supervision, and investigation of her compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and be it further,

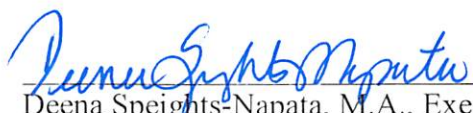
**ORDERED** that Ms. Allen's failure to fully cooperate with the Board shall be deemed a violation of the probationary terms and a violation of this Order; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that in the event the Board finds in good faith that Ms. Allen has violated any of the conditions of probation herein or any terms of her contract with PRS, or in the event the Board finds in good faith that Ms. Allen has committed a violation of Title 12 of the Health Occupations Article or regulations adopted thereunder, the Board may impose further disciplinary action against Ms. Allen's registration, including suspension or revocation, provided that Ms. Allen is given notice and an opportunity for a hearing; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that Ms. Allen shall bear any and all expenses associated with this Order; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that this is a formal order of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy and as such is a public document pursuant to Maryland Code Ann., Gen. Provisions § 4-333(b).


1-25-22  
Date

  
Deena Speights-Napata, M.A., Executive Director  
for  
Jennifer Hardesty, Pharm.D., President  
Maryland Board of Pharmacy

CONSENT

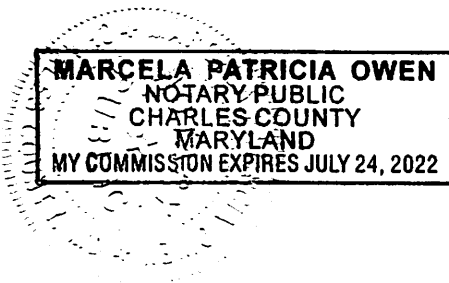
1. By signing this Consent, I hereby affirm the findings of fact contained herein and agree to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.
2. By signing this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter. By signing this Consent, I waive any rights I may have had to contest the findings and determinations contained in this Consent Order.
3. I acknowledge that this is a formal order of the Board and as such is a public document.
4. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.
5. 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.

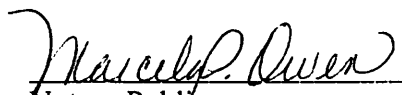
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Stephanie Allen, Applicant

STATE OF MARYLAND  
COUNTY/CITY OF Charles County/KaPlata

I hereby certify that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared STEPHANIE ALLEN, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.



  
Notary Public  
My commission expires July 24, 2022

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