

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
CHRISTINA M. GETZ, PHARM. D.	*	STATE BOARD OF
RESPONDENT	*	PHARMACY
License No. 16709	*	Case No. 13-048

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CONSENT ORDER FOR REINSTATEMENT

HISTORY

On April 9, 2015, the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) entered into a Consent Order with Christina M. Getz, Pharmacist, License No. 16709 (the “Respondent”), resolving an Order of Summary Suspension the Board had issued against the Respondent on March 20, 2013. The Consent Order placed the Respondent’s license on probation for five years subject to certain terms and conditions. The Respondent’s license expired on May 31, 2017. On or about April 23, 2019, the Respondent applied for reinstatement with the Board. Based on concerns regarding her compliance with the Consent Order and her physical and mental competence to practice pharmacy, the Board referred the Respondent for an evaluation on September 9, 2019.

In lieu of instituting formal proceedings against the Respondent, in accordance with the Maryland Pharmacy Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 12-101 *et seq.*, and Board regulations, COMAR 10.34.01, the Board proposed, and the Respondent agreed, to resolve this matter as set forth in this Consent Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On March 20, 2013, the Board issued an Order for Summary Suspension against the Respondent, summarily suspending her license to practice pharmacy in Maryland. The Order for Summary Suspension related to the Respondent admitting to, and subsequently pleading guilty

for, diverting narcotics from her pharmacy employer for personal use.

2. On April 9, 2015, the Board and the Respondent entered into a Consent Order resolving the Order of Summary Suspension. The Consent Order placed the Respondent's license on probation for five years and required, among other things, that she submit to random Board-ordered urine screens, seek mental health treatment and ensure that her treatment provider submit progress reports to the Board, and comply with her contract with the Board's rehabilitation committee.

3. The Respondent's license to practice pharmacy expired on May 31, 2017. The Board's records do not indicate any compliance by the Respondent with the Board's order, either before or after the license expiration date.

4. On or about April 23, 2019, the Board received an application for reinstatement of her license to practice pharmacy from the Respondent. The Respondent included with her application a letter stating that she had complied with the terms of her probation. Because the Board's records indicate otherwise, the Board asked the Respondent to submit documentation indicating her compliance with either the Board's order or her contract with the Board's rehabilitation committee.

5. The Respondent submitted documentation showing compliance with her contract with the Board's rehabilitation committee up until 2016, when she relapsed. The Respondent did not submit any documentation indicating completion of her contract, nor did she submit any documentation indicating compliance with the remaining terms of the Consent Order.

6. On September 9, 2019, based on concerns related to the amount of time since she had last practiced, her lack of compliance with the Board's order, and her relapse documented by the Board's rehabilitation committee, the Board referred the Respondent for a psychological and

substance use disorder evaluation. On or about February 3, 2020, the Board received the evaluator's report. The evaluator indicated that the Respondent could safely return to practice, subject to certain recommendations which have been incorporated into this Consent Order for Reinstatement.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 12-302(b)(7) & 12-313(b)(21).

ORDER

It is this 22nd day of September, 2020, by an affirmative vote of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice pharmacy in Maryland, License No. 16709, be REINSTATED, provided that she is otherwise qualified for reinstatement pursuant to COMAR 10.34.13; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent's license be placed on immediate PROBATION for at least FIVE (5) YEARS, during which she shall:

1. Practice solely in a non-dispensing role for at least two (2) years;
2. After completing two (2) years in a non-dispensing role, as a dispensing pharmacist:
 - a. Work day shifts only; and
 - b. Work no more than 40 hours per week;
3. Continue individual mental health treatment and ensure that her mental health treatment provider submits quarterly treatment reports to the Board;
4. Ensure that her pharmacist supervisor provides quarterly supervisor reports to the Board;

5. Immediately enter into a rehabilitation contract with the Board's rehabilitation committee and fully abide by all conditions of the contract; and

6. Submit to random urinalysis at a frequency to be determined by the Board's rehabilitation committee; and be it further.

ORDERED that after two (2) years of probation, the Respondent may petition the Board for modification of the probationary terms herein, 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 after five (5) years of probation, the Respondent 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 the Respondent's execution of this Consent Order shall constitute a release of any and all medical records, substance use disorder treatment records, and psychological/psychiatric records pertaining to the Respondent to the Board in complying with the terms and conditions set forth herein; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent shall at all times cooperate with the Board in the monitoring, supervision, and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent's failure to fully cooperate with the Board shall be deemed unprofessional conduct and a violation of this Consent Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that in the event the Board finds in good faith that the Respondent has violated any of the terms or conditions of this Consent Order, or in the event the Board finds in good faith that the Respondent has committed a violation of Title 12 of the Health Occupations Article or regulations adopted thereunder, the Board may immediately summarily suspend the Respondent's

license prior to a hearing, provided that the Respondent is given the opportunity for a show cause hearing within a reasonable time of such action; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent shall bear all expenses associated with this Consent 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., General Provisions § 4-333(b).

9-22-2020

Date



Deena Speights-Napata, M.A., Executive Director
for
Kevin Morgan, 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 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. By signing this consent, I hereby authorize the Board to use and disclose my substance use disorder treatment records in subsequent Board proceedings, including but not limited to any final, public orders issued by the Board.
4. I acknowledge that this is a formal order of the Board and as such is a public document.
5. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.
6. 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.

8/28/2020
Date

Christina M. Getz, Pharm. D.
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STATE OF MARYLAND
COUNTY/CITY OF Allegany:

I hereby certify that on this 28th day of August, 2020, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared CHRISTINA M. GETZ, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.

Rhonda K. Poland
Notary Public
My commission expires: 8/1/2022