

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
WHITNEY HECK	*	MARYLAND STATE
Registration No. T21795	*	BOARD OF PHARMACY
	*	Case No. 20-399

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ORDER LIFTING SUSPENSION

Background

On March 11, 2021, the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) issued a Consent Order terminating a summary suspension imposed against the registration held by Whitney Heck (the “Respondent”). The Consent Order also sanctioned the Respondent with a suspension for a minimum of 180 days during which the Respondent was ordered to abide by certain terms, including entering and complying with a rehabilitation contract with the Board’s rehabilitation committee, Pharmacy Rehabilitation Services (“PRS”). The Consent Order also provided that, upon successful completion of the 180-day suspension period, the Respondent could petition to terminate the suspension at which time the Board would impose a two-year probation with terms and conditions the Board deemed appropriate. On February 2, 2022, the Board received the Respondent’s petition to terminate suspension, and subsequently confirmed the Respondent’s compliance with her PRS contract.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about November 21, 2018, the Board issued the Respondent a pharmacy technician registration. The Respondent’s technician registration expired on November 30, 2020.
2. On March 11, 2021, the Board entered into a Consent Order with the Respondent

whereby the Board terminated a prior summary suspension and imposed a suspension period of a minimum of 180 days. The Board's actions were based on the Respondent's admitted diversion of controlled dangerous substances from a pharmacy in 2019.

3. The March 11, 2021, Consent Order provided that the Respondent comply with certain terms during the suspension period, including entering and adhering to a rehabilitation contract with the Board's rehabilitation committee, PRS.
4. On February 2, 2022, the Respondent submitted a petition to terminate the suspension. The Board further confirmed the Respondent's compliance with her PRS contract.
5. In accordance with the terms of March 11, 2021, Consent Order, upon termination of the suspension, the Board shall impose a two-year probation with terms and conditions the Board deems appropriate.
6. As such, the Board imposes further terms and conditions as set forth below in this Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Whitney Heck, Registration Number T21795, has been compliant with her terms of suspension and is subject to further monitoring under probation, as set forth in the Consent Order, dated March 11, 2021.

ORDER

Based upon an affirmative vote of the Board under the authority of Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. Art. § 12-313, it is this 18th day of May, 2022, hereby,

ORDERED that Respondent shall comply with all reinstatement requirements, including an application, continuing education, and fee, in accordance with COMAR 10.34.34.10; and be it further,

ORDERED, that upon reinstatement, the Respondent's registration shall be placed on immediate PROBATION for a minimum of two (2) years, during which time the Respondent shall:

1. Continue her rehabilitation contract with PRS and fully comply with all requirements of the contract;
2. Submit to random monthly urine screenings;
3. Ensure that the Respondent's pharmacy employer submits to the Board quarterly employer reports;
4. Continue treatment with the Respondent's therapist and psychiatrist on a monthly basis, or at a frequency determined by the therapist and/or psychiatrist; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent shall fully cooperate with the Board and/or PRS in the monitoring, investigation and enforcement of the provisions of this Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent shall bear all costs associated with this Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that in the event that Respondent violates any of the terms above, the Board, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, and a determination of a violation, may impose any further disciplinary sanction it deems appropriate, including further

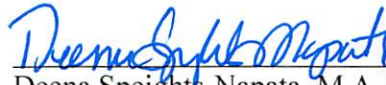
probation, suspension and revocation, or the imposition of a civil fine, said violation being proven by a preponderance of the evidence; and be it further,

ORDERED that after two (2) years of demonstrated compliance with the terms of probation, the Respondent may petition the Board to terminate probation provided that the Respondent has been fully compliant with all terms and conditions of this Order and there are no open investigations pending against the Respondent; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is a formal order and as such is a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions Article § 4-333.

5-18-22

Date



Deena Speights-Napata, M.A.

Executive Director *for*:

Jennifer Hardesty, Pharm.D.

Board President