## IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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EX REL. THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE	) JAN 3 1 2014
AND SUPERVISION,  Plaintiff,	OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION
v.	) Case No: 11-01-4147
LORNA JEAN SCHRINER, OT, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST LICENSE NO. 598	) ) )
Defendant.	) ) )
CO	MPLAINT

Plaintiff, State of Oklahoma ex rel. the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (the "Board"), by and through its attorney, Matthew Stangl, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma, for its Complaint against Defendant, Lorna Jean Schriner, OT, alleges and states as follows:

- 1. The Board is a duly authorized agency of the State of Oklahoma empowered to license and oversee the activities of Occupational Therapists in the State of Oklahoma pursuant to 59 Okla. Stat. §§ 481 et seq. and 888.1 et seq.
- 2. Defendant Lorna Jean Schriner, OT, holds Oklahoma license no. OT598.

### PRIOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION/ARRESTS

- 3. On or about January 20, 2010, Defendant was stopped by the Broken Arrow Police Department for suspicion of drunk driving. She failed the Standard Field Sobriety Test and admitted that she had been drinking Vodka. She was arrested and charged with DUI (ALCOHOL), and TRANSPORTING AN OPEN CONTAINER OF ALCOHOL.
- 4. On or about September 2, 2010, Defendant pled guilty to a reduced charge of **RECKLESS DRIVING.** She submitted to an ADSAC Assessment and was ordered to attend a Victims' Impact Panel, attend six (6) weeks of substance abuse counseling, and pay a fine. An Ignition Interlock device was also placed on her car from April 17, 2010, until October 17, 2010. Her driver's license was suspended at that time.

- 5. On or about September 25, 2010, Defendant was stopped by the Wagoner Police Department on suspicion of drunk driving. Defendant admitted to police officers that she had consumed three (3) bottles of wine. Police found another one-half (1/2) bottle of wine in her car. Defendant was arrested and charged in the District Court of Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma, Case No. CM-2010-00820, with AGGRAVATED DUI (ALCOHOL), OPERATING A VEHICLE WHILE DRIVING PRIVILEGES SUSPENDED, and TRANSPORTING AN OPEN CONTAINER OF ALCOHOL, all misdemeanors.
- 6. Beginning on or about October 26, 2010, and continuing through November 23, 2010, Defendant obtained treatment for substance abuse at Valley Hope.
- 7. On or about October 27, 2010, Defendant submitted her renewal application online. In response to the question "Have you been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a traffic violation involving the use of any drug or chemical substance including alcohol?" Defendant answered "NO". In response to the question "Have you been addicted to or abused any drug or chemical substance including alcohol?" Defendant answered "NO". In response to the question "Have you obtained an assessment or been treated for use of any drug or chemical substance including alcohol?" Defendant answered "NO".
- 8. On or about November 30, 2010, Defendant pled no contest to **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (ALCOHOL)** and **OPERATING A VEHICLE WHILE DRIVING PRIVILEGES SUSPENDED.** She received a two (2) year deferred sentence, was ordered to pay court costs and fees, was placed on supervised probation, and was ordered to complete inpatient treatment for substance abuse.
- 9. As a result of these arrests, on or about January 28, 2011, the State filed a Complaint against Defendant, and on or about March 10, 2011, the Board accepted the Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction wherein Defendant was placed on **PROBATION** for a term of **FIVE (5) YEARS**. Defendant's Order provides that Defendant shall be on probation, in part, as follows:
  - (E) Defendant will have the affirmative duty not to ingest any substance which will cause a body fluid sample to test positive for prohibited substances, including but not limited to alcohol;
  - (G) Defendant will abide by the terms and recommendations of Valley Hope; and
  - (H) Defendant will attend three (3) meetings per week of a local 12-step program, one (1) of which will be the Oklahoma Health Professionals Recovery Program, with whom she will execute a contract. Defendant will comply with all terms of her contract with the Oklahoma Health Professionals Recovery Program.
- 10. On or about May 31, 2011, Defendant was stopped by the Broken Arrow Police Department on suspicion of drunk driving. Defendant was arrested, taken to jail and charged in the District Court of Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, Case No. CM-2011-2878, with DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (ALCOHOL), DRIVING

# UNDER A SUSPENDED LICENSE, DRIVING LEFT OF CENTER, TRANSPORTING AN OPEN CONTAINER (ALCOHOL) AND FAILURE TO CARRY INSURANCE/SECURITY VERIFICATION, all misdemeanors.

- 11. Beginning on or about July 9, 2011, and continuing through August 8, 2011, Defendant obtained treatment for substance abuse for a second time at Valley Hope.
- 12. On or about August 16, 2011, Defendant appeared in court and pled no contest to the charges against her. The judge found her **GUILTY** and convicted her of all charges. She received a one (1) year suspended sentence, was placed on the District Attorney's supervised probation and was assessed fines and costs.
- 13. As a result of her conviction in Case No. CM-2011-2878 in Tulsa County District Court, her deferred sentence in Case No. CM-2010-00820 in Wagoner County District Court was accelerated to a one (1) year suspended sentence concurrent with her suspended sentence in Tulsa County District Court. She was additionally ordered by the Wagoner County District Court to sign new rules of probation, complete twenty-eight (28) days of inpatient treatment in lieu of thirty (30) days of incarceration, to attend ninety (90) meetings in ninety (90) days, to obtain outpatient treatment at Laureate, and to complete relapse prevention treatment at Rainbow on the Plains, as well as D.A. Supervised Probation for one (1) year.
- 14. As a result of these arrests, on or about October 14, 2011, the State filed a Complaint against Defendant, and on or about November 3, 2011, the Board accepted the Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction wherein Defendant's license was **SUSPENDED** for four months ending November 6, 2011. Defendant then was placed on **INDEFINITE PROBATION**. Defendant's Order provides that Defendant shall be on probation, in part, as follows:
  - (E) Defendant will have the affirmative duty not to ingest any substance which will cause a body fluid sample to test positive for prohibited substances, including but not limited to alcohol;
  - (G) Defendant will abide by the terms and recommendations of Valley Hope;
  - (I) Defendant will sign a contract with and attend a minimum of one (1) meeting per week of the Health Professionals Recovery Program unless excused by the HPRP. Defendant will comply with all requirements of her contract with the HPRP;
  - (J) Applicant will additionally attend a minimum of four (4) meetings per week of a local 12-Step program;
  - (I) Defendant will participate in group therapy with Kristjan Verlin Yenzer or another therapist approved in advance in writing by the Board Secretary and will authorize in writing the release of any and all records of that therapy to the Board or its designee.

Defendant shall submit quarterly reports from her therapist to the Board Secretary for his review. Defendant will remain in treatment until both her therapist and the Board Secretary authorize her release from therapy;

- (J) Defendant shall participate in Intensive Outpatient aftercare support at Laureate, and will authorize in writing the release of any and all records of that treatment to the Board or its designee. Defendant shall additionally submit quarterly reports from her counselor at Laureate to the Board Secretary for his review. Defendant will remain in counseling until both her counselor and the Board Secretary authorize her release from counseling; and
- Ouring the period of probation, failure to meet any of the terms of probation will constitute cause for the Executive Director of the Board to immediately suspend Defendant's license pursuant to 59 Okla. Stat. §506(B).
- 15. On or about March 7, 2013, Defendant appeared before the Board *en banc* and entered a motion for modification of terms of probation. The Board heard clear and convincing evidence in support of the request for modification of terms of probation and granted the motion. Defendant's probation was modified as follows:
  - (A) Defendant is no longer be required to attend a minimum of four (4) meetings per week of a local 12-Step program as required in the Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction filed of record on November 3, 2011. However, Defendant is required to attend a minimum of three (3) meetings per week of a local 12-Step program;
  - (B) Defendant is no longer required to participate in group therapy with Kristjan Verlin Yenzer as required in the Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction filed of record on November 3, 2011. However, Defendant is required to participate in therapy with Dale Graham Minister of her Church or another therapist approved in advance in writing by the Board Secretary and will authorize in writing the release of any and all records of that therapy to the Board or its designee. Defendant shall submit quarterly reports from her therapist to the Board Secretary for his review. Defendant will remain in treatment until both her therapist and the Board Secretary authorize her release from therapy.
  - (C) Defendant is no longer required to participate in Intensive Outpatient aftercare support at Laureate, and will authorize in writing the release of any and all records of that treatment to the Board or its designee. Defendant shall additionally submit quarterly reports from her counselor at Laureate to the Board Secretary for his review. Defendant will remain

in counseling until both her counselor and the Board Secretary authorize her release from counseling.

#### **CURRENT UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT ALLEGATIONS**

- 16. On or about August 29, 2013, Board staff received a report from the Oklahoma Health Professionals Program (OHPP) that Defendant had tested positive for ethyl.
- 17. On or about September 4, 2013, Defendant signed an Agreement Not to Practice until the potential Complaint against her is heard by the Board *en banc* or she is released by the Board Secretary.
- 18. Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct in that she:
  - A. Engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by the rules established by the Board, or violated the Code of Ethics adopted and published by the Board in violation of 59 Okla. Stat. §888.9(A)(2);
  - B. Violated any provision of this act in violation of 59 Okla. Stat. §888.9(A)(5) and OAC 435:30-1-10(a)(29);
  - D. Engaged in dishonorable or immoral conduct that is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public in violation of OAC 435:30-1-10(a)(3);
  - E. Engaged in the habitual intemperance or the habitual use of habit-forming drugs in violation of OAC 435:30-1-10(a)(10);
  - F. Engaged in the habitual intemperance or addicted use of any drug, chemical or substance that could result in behavior that interferes with the practice of occupational therapy and the responsibilities of the licensee in violation of OAC 435:30-1-10(a)(11); and
  - G. Violated any lawful order, rule, or regulation rendered or adopted by the Board in violation of 59 O.S. §888.9(A)(4).

#### **CONCLUSION**

Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Board conduct a hearing, and, upon proof of the allegations contained herein, impose such disciplinary action as authorized by law, up to and including suspension or revocation and any other appropriate action with respect to Defendant's occupational therapist license, and an assessment of costs and attorney's fees incurred in this action as provided by law.

# Respectfully submitted,

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