

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

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, *ex rel.*)
 OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD)
 OF MEDICAL LICENSURE)
 AND SUPERVISION,)
)
 Plaintiff)
)
 v.)
)
 STACI SPARKS, O.T.,)
 LICENSE O.T. 638,)
)
 Defendant.)

FILED
 NOV 17 2017
 OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF
 MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

Case No. 17-07-5491

**ORDER CONTINUING SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST LICENSE PENDING APPEARANCE**

This matter was set for hearing before the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (“Board”) on November 2, 2017, at the office of the Board, 101 N.E. 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, pursuant to notice given as required by law and rules of the Board.

Rachel A. Rogers, Assistant Attorney General appeared on behalf of Plaintiff. Staci Sparks, O.T. (“Defendant”), having previously contacted Board staff on October 31, 2017 to advise of her entrance into a detox facility beginning November 1, 2017, appeared not.

The following exhibit was admitted into evidence:

Plaintiff’s Exhibit 1: Return of Service, filed October 23, 2017
 with Exhibit 1 including:
 -Letter Notice re: Nov 2, 2017 Board meeting
 -ISS, filed Oct. 11, 2017
 -USPS delivery information on Oct 20, 2017

1. In Oklahoma, Defendant holds Occupational Therapist license no. OT 638, issued August 25, 1994.
2. On October 11, 2017, an Immediate Summary Suspension of Occupational Therapist License (“ISS”) was filed. 59 O.S. 2011, §§ 506(B), 888.15(C); hearing was set November 2, 2017. Notice of hearing on the ISS was mailed certified; a Return of Service was filed October 23, 2017. 0
 - a. The ISS alleged: On August 29, 2017, Defendant voluntarily entered into a contract with Allied Professional Peer Assistance Program (“APPA”).

3. Defendant was discharged from the APPA on October 11, 2017, following random substance test dated October 5, 2017, that returned positive results. Okla. Admin. Code § 435:12-1-8.
4. At the November 2, 2017 meeting, AAG Rogers requested the Board call for attendance of Defendant. The Board acceded; no response was received to indicate appearance.
5. AAG Rogers reviewed Defendant's history, and offered Plaintiff's Exhibit 1, which was admitted. AAG Rogers recommended that the ISS remain in place and that the matter be continued until the January 2018 board meeting, and offered an aide to the court.
6. AAG Rogers advised that on October 31, 2017, Defendant contacted Board staff and advised that she would be entering detox on November 1, 2017, and would be unable to attend the Board meeting on November 2, 2017.
7. The Board takes notice that Defendant was given proper notice of the Immediate Summary Suspension and was served with a letter received October 20, 2017, specifying this matter would be heard today. Defendant advised Board staff that she was entering detox this week and would be unable to attend today's hearing, but this has not been verified.

The Board being fully apprised of the premises, and for good cause shown, orders as follows:

1. The Immediate Summary Suspension of the Defendant's Occupational Therapist License, filed October 11, 2017, shall remain in effect.
2. This matter is continued to the next Board meeting date of January 11, 2018, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. At that meeting, **STACI SPARKS, O.T.** shall appear in front of the Board for hearing on the Summary Suspension.
3. A copy of this order shall be provided to Defendant as soon as it is processed.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2017.



Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL
LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION

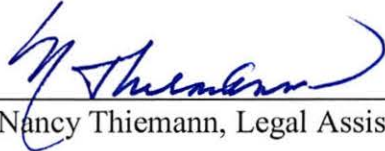
Certificate of Service

This is to certify that on the 17th day of November, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Order was transmitted as indicated, postage prepaid, to the following:

U.S. Certified Mail

Staci Sparks, O.T.
2932 Bella Vista
Midwest City, OK 73110

Defendant, pro se



Nancy Thiemann, Legal Assistant