

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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF

STEPHEN VANCE PAUL, P.A.,

FOR REINSTATEMENT OF OKLAHOMA
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSE NO. PA770

OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

Case No. 08-03-3477

**ORDER GRANTING REINSTATEMENT OF
LICENSE UNDER TERMS OF PROBATION**

This matter came on for hearing before the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision on March 10, 2011 at the Board office, 101 N.E. 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, pursuant to notice given as required by law and rules of the Board.

Defendant, Stephen Vance Paul, P.A., appeared in person and pro se.

Elizabeth A. Scott, Assistant Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision.

The Board *en banc* heard testimony, reviewed the exhibits presented, and being fully apprised of the premises, entered the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Orders:

Findings of Fact

1. The Board *en banc* has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein, and notice has been given in all respects as required by law and the rules of the Board.
2. Applicant previously held Oklahoma Physician Assistant License No. PA770.
3. On May 15, 2008, the Board revoked Applicant's license for unprofessional conduct in violation of 59 O.S. §509 (7) and (8), and OAC 435:10-7-4 (11) and (37).
4. Applicant had previously been disciplined by the Board on November 1, 2007 when he was suspended for a minimum of six (6) months based upon several incidents involving substance abuse. The Board ordered that he must personally appear before the Board to request

reinstatement after that suspension. Prior to seeking reinstatement, Applicant was involved in several other incidents involving substance abuse. The State filed a second Complaint against him, which resulted in the May 15, 2008 revocation of his physician assistant license.

5. Defendant is now seeking reinstatement of his Oklahoma physician assistant license no. PA770.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction to reinstate the license of a physician assistant pursuant to 59 O.S. §§508.1 and 519 et seq.

2. The Board may impose practice parameters and other restrictions as necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public under 59 O.S. §480 et seq.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as follows:

1. Defendant's physician assistant license shall be reinstated under **INDEFINITE PROBATION** subject to the following terms and conditions:

A. Defendant will conduct his practice in compliance with the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act and the Physician Assistant Act as interpreted by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. Any question of interpretation regarding said Act shall be submitted in writing to the Board and no action based on the subject of the question will be taken by Defendant until clarification of interpretation is received by Defendant from the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision.

B. Upon request of the Board Secretary, Defendant will request all hospitals in which he anticipates practicing to furnish to the Board Secretary of the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision a written statement regarding monitoring of his practice while performing services in or to that hospital.

C. Defendant will furnish to each and every state in which he holds licensure or applies for licensure and hospitals, clinics or other institutions in which he holds or anticipates holding any form of staff privilege or employment, a copy of the Board Order

stipulating sanctions imposed by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision.

D. Defendant will not prescribe, administer, dispense or possess any drugs in Schedules II through V.

E. Defendant will submit for analysis biological fluid specimens to include, but not limited to, blood and urine, upon request of the Board or its designee, and Defendant will pay for the costs attendant thereto.

F. Defendant will not prescribe, administer, or dispense any medications for personal use or for that of any family member.

G. Defendant will take no medication except that which is authorized by a physician treating him for a legitimate medical need. Defendant has the affirmative duty to inform any and every doctor treating him of the Board Order immediately upon initiation, or continuation of treatment.

H. 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.

I. Defendant will attend six (6) meetings per week of a local 12-step program.

J. Defendant will execute a lifetime contract with the Health Professionals Recovery Program and will additionally attend one (1) meeting per week of the Health Professionals Recovery Program.

K. Defendant shall enter and continue individual counseling at least two (2) times per month through Arbuckle Life Solutions or another counselor approved in advance in writing by the Board Secretary, 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 his counselor to the Board Secretary for his review. Defendant will remain in treatment until both the counselor and the Board Secretary authorize his release from counseling.

L. Defendant will execute such releases of medical and psychiatric records during the entire term of probation as necessary for use by the Compliance Consultant or other Board designee to

obtain copies of medical records and authorize the Compliance Consultant or other Board designee to discuss Defendant's case with Defendant's treating physicians and/or any physicians holding Defendant's records.

M. Defendant shall promptly notify the Board of any entry into a treatment program for substance abuse.

N. Defendant shall promptly notify the Board of any citation or arrest for traffic or for criminal offenses involving substance abuse.

O. Defendant will keep the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision informed of his current address.

P. Defendant will keep current payment of all assessments by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision for prosecution, investigation and monitoring of his case, including but not limited to a \$150.00 per month probation monitoring fee.

Q. Until such time as all indebtedness to the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision has been satisfied, Defendant will reaffirm said indebtedness in any and all bankruptcy proceedings.

R. Defendant shall make himself available for one or more personal appearances before the Board or its designee upon request.

S. Defendant shall submit any required reports and forms on a timely, accurate and prompt basis to the Compliance Coordinator or designee.

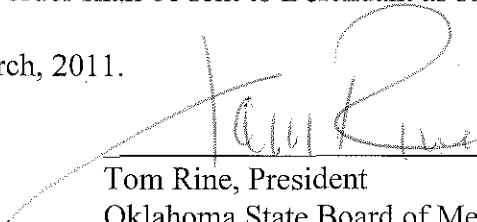
T. Failure to meet any of the terms of this Board Order will constitute cause for the Board to initiate additional proceedings to suspend, revoke or modify Defendant's license after due notice and hearing.

2. During the period of probation, failure to meet any of the terms of probation will constitute cause for the Board to initiate additional proceedings to suspend or revoke Defendant's license, after due notice and hearing.

3. Defendant's revoked license shall not be reinstated unless Defendant has reimbursed the Board for all taxed costs and expenses incurred by the State of Oklahoma.

4. A copy of this written order shall be sent to Defendant as soon as it is processed.


Dated this 10 day of March, 2011.



Tom Rine, President
Oklahoma State Board of Medical
Licensure and Supervision

Certificate of Service

On the 11 day of MARCH, 2011 a true and correct copy of this order was mailed, postage prepaid, to Stephen Vance Paul, 404 Railhead, Ardmore, OK 73401.



Janet Swindle