## **State of New Hampshire New Hampshire Physical Therapy Governing Board** Concord, New Hampshire 03301

In the Matter of: Lauren Rita Denapoli License #2883

Docket No. 2023-PHY-Denapoli-0977

## **VOLUNTARY PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT NOT TO PRACTICE**

The Physical Therapy Governing Board ("Board") first granted Lauren Rita Denapoli ("Ms. Denapoli or Respondent") a license to practice as a Physical Therapist on 8/13/2003 with a current expiration date of 12/31/2024.

On or about 7/6/2023, the OPLC-Division of Enforcement received a complaint from the Respondent's employer alleging the Respondent engaged in illicit drug use, to wit: cocaine, while actively employed and on the premises of her employer. The Division of Enforcement is actively investigating this matter and a report was made to the Salem, NH Police Department.

The allegations are violations of RSA 328-A:9, V, N.H. Code Admin. R., Phy 501.02 Ethical Standards for Physical Therapists, APTA Code of Ethics principle(s) #3, #4, #5, #7.

Realizing a complaint and investigation are pending before the Board, the Respondent agrees to enter into a Voluntary Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board as follows:

- 1. I, Lauren Rita Denapoli voluntarily agree not to practice as Physical Therapist effective upon my signing this *Voluntary* Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice.
- 2. I admit to no violations of NH RSA Chapter 328-A or any administrative rules, ethical provisions, or any other laws, statutes, or regulations, adopted by the Board.

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- 3. Understanding that this Voluntary Preliminary Agreement and the restrictions herein shall remain until further order of the Board. I hereby specifically waive any statute of limitations, or laches defense, which might be then available, including but not limited to, those based on RSA 332-G: 8 and RSA 332-G: 9.
- 4. I understand that this Voluntary Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice shall remain in place until such time the ongoing investigation into this matter is completed and the adjudicatory process has been completed.
- 5. In the event that I apply for a renewal of my license while this agreement is in effect, I voluntarily agree to waive any statutory or administrative time deadlines regarding the Board's final action on any such license renewal application. I understand that by waiving such deadlines, the Board's final action on any such license renewal application will be automatically deferred until after the disposition of this Board matter and that my license will not expire while this Preliminary Agreement is in effect.
- 6. I enter into this Voluntary Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board and state that no promises or representations have been made to me other than those terms and conditions expressly stated herein.
- 7. I further understand that this document shall become a permanent part of my file and will be maintained by the Board as a public document upon execution by the Board as a Board Order and will be reported out as an adverse action against my license.
- 8. I have had the opportunity to seek and obtain the advice of an attorney of my choosing in connection with my decision to sign this Preliminary Agreement.

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- I am of sound mind and not under the influence of any substance that would impair
  my judgement at the time I sign this Voluntary Preliminary Agreement Not to
  Practice.
- 10. I understand that my failure to comply with the terms of this *Voluntary* Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice shall constitute a violation of RSA Chapter 328-A and may subject me to discipline under RSA Chapter 310 and RSA Chapter 328-A.

## FOR RESPONDENT

Date: 1/25-23

Respondent (Lauren Rita Denapoli)

## FOR THE BOARD

This *Voluntary* Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice is hereby accepted in accordance with the binding terms and conditions set forth above and shall issue as an Order of the Board upon execution by the Board.

Date: 07 -25- 2023

(Signature)

Print Name

**Authorized Representative of the Physical** 

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