

**Formal Board Actions Taken by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers
Board - April 2021**

Practitioner	License Number or Application Type	Sanction	Basis for Action	Board Action Date
Mark Williams	PTA08104	License shall be suspended for an indefinite period of time not less than a period of six (6) months; Upon reinstatement, Williams’ license is restricted to not allowing Williams to practice physical therapy in a home health setting. After a three (3) year probationary period, Williams may apply to modify restriction; During Williams’ probationary period that commences upon reinstatement, his current employer shall submit to the board biannual reports; The board reserves the right to impose restrictions based on the results of the mental health and fit for practice evaluation; Williams, at his own expense and prior to his license being considered for reinstatement, shall complete a “mental health and fit for practice” evaluation, or its equivalent, which shall be conducted by a licensed medical professional, <u>approved by the Enforcement Division of the Board</u> . Said report must include current mental status, substance abuse, any and all diagnosis, treatment/medication recommendations, his/her professional opinion regarding Williams’ fitness to practice as a physical therapist assistant, and if necessary, recommendations for license restrictions. Williams must abide by any and all recommendations of the fit for mental health and practice evaluation. Williams must sign all releases so information can be released to the Enforcement Division of the Board; Williams must ensure that all information regarding the fit for practice evaluation, recommendations, and compliance with evaluator’s recommendations is received by the Enforcement Division of the board; The board reserves the right to institute restrictions and/or license revocation based on the findings in the evaluation; Williams must provide proof of completion of any rehabilitation	Between March 9, 2018 and March 14, 2018, while working as a physical therapist assistant, Williams failed to adhere to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing practice by attempting to coordinate a private meeting and sending inappropriate messages to Patient I, which was unrelated to the physical therapy plan of care.	04/23/2021

		<p>recommendation. The board reserves the right to submit documentation to be reviewed and considered in the "mental health and fit for practice" evaluation. Williams shall "unconditionally pass" the PROBE Ethics & Boundaries Program; provide copy of the Consent Agreement to any current and future employers during the term of the Consent Agreement.</p>		
Lauren Goforth	AT004059	Revocation of License.	<p>Goforth engaged in inappropriate conversations of a sexual nature with a patient/minor/student during the course of her practice as an athletic trainer in violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4755.64(A)(2), (A)(4), & (A)(5), and Ohio Administrative Code § 4755-41-01 (A)(7), (B)(1), (E)(4), (E)(4)(b) and (E)(5)(b).</p> <p>Goforth engaged in unethical behavior with a patient/minor/student in violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4755.64(A)(2), (A)(4), & (A)(5), and Ohio Administrative Code § 4755-41-01 (B)(1), (E)(4), (D)(12), (4)(b) and (E)(5)(b).</p> <p>Goforth entered into a sexual relationship and with a patient/minor/student during the course of her practice as an athletic</p>	04/30/2021

			<p>trainer in violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4755.64(A)(2), (A)(4) & (A)(5) and Administrative Code § 4755-41(B)(1), (E)(4), (E)(4)(b) and (E)(5)(b).</p> <p>Goforth intended to deceive OTPTAT Board investigators by providing false statements during an interview. One false statement was in the form of a sworn affidavit. Said conduct violates Ohio Revised Code section 4755.64(F)(6).</p>	
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