

**IN THE MATTER OF
PATRICIA NORDELL**

RESPONDENT

* **BEFORE THE**
* **MARYLAND BOARD OF**
* **ACUPUNCTURE**
* **CASE NUMBER: 2010-02**

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PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

The Maryland Board of Acupuncture (the "Board") and Patricia Nordell, L.Ac., (the "Respondent") have agreed, in lieu of the Board's filing formal charges, to enter into this Pre-Charge Consent Order (the "Order"). The Respondent waives her right to a hearing and agrees to be sanctioned by the Board. This Pre-Charge Consent Order is based upon the Board's belief that the Respondent violated provisions of the Maryland Acupuncture Act ("the Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("H.O.") §§ 1A-101 et seq. (2009 Repl. Vol.).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times relevant, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice acupuncture in the State of Maryland under license number U01485.
2. The Respondent has acknowledged that while treating inmates at the Baltimore City Detention Center, she was drawn into a verbal confrontation with a client which resulted in her slapping the individual.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board finds that the Respondent acted in an unprofessional manner in the practice of acupuncture, a violation of H.O. § 1A-309(17).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is by the Maryland Board of Acupuncture, hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent shall be placed on **PROBATION** for a period of one (1) year commencing from the date the Board executes this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that within in the period of probation, the Respondent shall document to the Board that she has successfully completed a Board approved course in anger management/conflict resolution; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall be responsible for all costs incurred under this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall comply with and practice within all statutes and regulations governing the practice of acupuncture in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order shall constitute unprofessional conduct in addition to any applicable grounds under the Act; and it is further

ORDERED that this Pre-Charge Consent Order is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** as defined in Md. State Gov't Code Ann. §§ 10-611 et seq. (2009 Repl. Vol.).

6/15/10

Date



Steve Kaufman, L.Ac.
Chairman

CONSENT

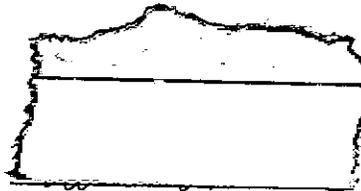
I, Patricia Nordell, License Number U01485, by signing this Consent agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the foregoing Pre-Charge Consent Order.

By signing this Consent I submit to its terms and conditions of the Pre-charge Consent Order as a resolution to this matter and waive my right to contest the terms and findings herein and all challenges legal or otherwise to the proceedings before the Board.

I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Pre-Charge Consent Order as if it were made after a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections to which I am entitled by law. I also recognize that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing and am also waiving any other legal remedies I may have regarding resolution of this matter.

I have had the opportunity to review this Pre-Charge Consent Order and sign it voluntarily, understanding its terms, meaning and effect.

6/7/10
Date



Patricia Nordell

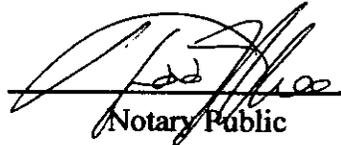
NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF Howard

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 7th day of June, 2010, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Patricia Nordell, and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notarial seal.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____
TODD MUELLER
NOTARY PUBLIC
Howard County, MD
My Commission Expires Sept. 30, 2012

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