

STATE OF OHIO
STATE PERSONNEL BOARD OF REVIEW

MERLE J. RHODES,

Appellant,

v.

Case No. 06-REM-01-0003

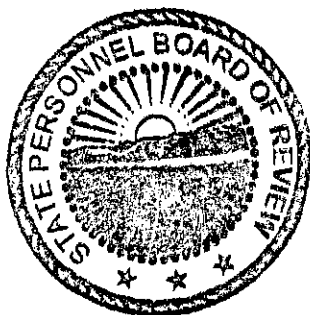
HOCKING VALLEY COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CENTER,

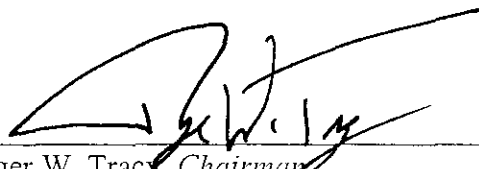
Appellee.

ORDER

This matter came on for consideration on the motion of Appellant that the Withdrawal attached hereto be adopted. Being fully advised in the premises, the Board hereby orders that the attached withdrawal, incorporated herein by reference and made a part of the case file in this appeal, be **ADOPTED**. Accordingly, the above-referenced appeal is hereby **DISMISSED**.

Tracy – Aye
Lumpe – Aye
Booth – Aye



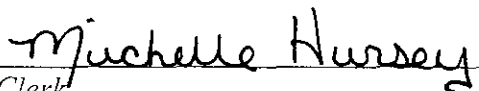


Roger W. Tracy, *Chairman*

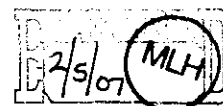
CERTIFICATION

The State of Ohio, State Personnel Board of Review, ss:

I, the undersigned clerk of the State Personnel Board of Review, hereby certify that the foregoing is ~~(the original)~~ a true copy of the original) order or resolution of the State Personnel Board of Review as entered upon the Board's Journal, a copy of which has been forwarded to the parties this date, FEBRUARY 5, 2007.



Michelle Hursey
Clerk



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Hocking Valley Community Residential Center

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Jeannette E. Gunn
Administrative Law Judge

Considering the motion to exclude being granted, without the testimony of the three primary witnesses included in my response to the Appellee's request dated April 21, 2006 (attached), no significant sworn testimony will result from the scheduled hearing. Either confirming my position or documenting ongoing questionable activities at Hocking Valley Community Residential Center. Therefore I am withdrawing my appeal.



Merle J. Rhodes, M.A., P.C.C.
Appellant



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May 16, 2006

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Dear Sir:

As you requested the following is a list of witnesses and evidence I intend to use in my appeal.

Name	Place of Employment
Jessie Barnhart	HVCRC, Nelsonville, OH
Kevin McCoy	HVCRC, Nelsonville, OH
Frank Woodgerd	HVCRC, Nelsonville, OH
Mary White P.C.*	New Horizons, Lancaster, OH
Theodore Layman M.S.W*.	HRS, Athens, OH
William Sheets P.C.C.*	Woodland Center, Gallipols, OH

* These witnesses would be unnecessary if HVCRC stipulated that my guidance to clinical staff and interns was that contraband voluntarily turned in by residents was considered confidential.

Records

HVCRC disciplinary records for:

Sheila Giffen
Emily Dunkel
Dawn Weaver
Bob Bowser

Complete Investigative Reports conducted by the Athens County Sheriff's Department and Athens County Children's Services of the alleged incident involving Casey Pigge.

I have little interest in causing additional problems for the of HVCRC, and feel that the actions in my case only reflect a poor management decision. Therefore, I would be willing to consider a settlement. If the termination would be rescinded, I would agree to a ten day suspension with my voluntary resignation as of the date of the agreement. I would expect to be compensated for the back pay and benefits lost during that period of time.

Sincerely,

Merle J. Rhodes P.C.C.