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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

985 Damonte Ranch Pkwy #206 - Reno, NV 89521

APPLICATION FOR PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT - PRESCRIBE

REGISTRATION FEE: FOR AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE DANGEROUS DRUGS ONLY \$80.00 TOTAL
FOR AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES \$200.00 TOTAL

(Non-refundable check or credit card. Credit Cards are charged a 5% processing fee)

First: Tammu Middle: Lynn Last: Hankins
Home Address: Cherry Tree Blvd
City: Lake Havasu City State: AZ Zip Code: _____
SS# or ITIN: _____ Date of Birth: 12/2 Sex: ☐ M or ☒ F
Telephone: -5241 E-mail address: @yphoo.com

PRACTICING LOCATION

Practice Name (if any): Vida Spa
Physical Address: 3225 S Rainbow Blvd Suite #: 107
City: Las Vegas State: NV Zip Code: 89146
Telephone: 702-202-3050 Fax: _____
Medical/Osteopathic Board PA #: PA 2277 Issued: 3/6/2020 Expires: 6/30/2021

☒ Check this box if you are a PA who intends to apply for DEA Registration. Board Staff will notify DEA and you of the required information and provide a letter with your pending number to allow you to apply for the DEA in Nevada-(Do not apply to DEA before receiving your pending letter.) (Provide \$200.00 Registration fee.)

You must have a current Nevada license with your respective BOARD before we will process this application. The Nevada license must remain current to keep the controlled substance registration.

					Yes	No
1. Have you been diagnosed or treated for any mental illness, including alcohol or substance abuse, or a physical condition that would impair your ability to perform the essential functions of your license?					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Have you been charged, arrested or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor in <u>any</u> state?					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you been the subject of a board citation, administrative action whether completed or pending in <u>any</u> state?					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Have you had your license subjected to any discipline for violation of pharmacy or drug laws in <u>any</u> state?					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If you marked YES to any of the numbered questions (1-4) above, include the following information & provide an explanation & documentation:						
Board Administrative Action:		State	Date:	Case #:		
		AZ	8/21/11 3/16/12	PA-11-0127A		
Criminal Action:	State	Date:	Case #:	County	Court	
	AZ	8/11/14 3/27/14	CR-2012-287 CR-2014-088 TR-201304005	Mohave	Mohave County Superior Court Mohave County Superior Court Lake Havasu City Municipal Court	

It is a violation of Nevada law to falsify this application and sanctions will be imposed for misrepresentation. I hereby certify that I have read this application. I certify that all statements made are true and correct.

I understand that Nevada law requires a licensed APRN who, in their professional or occupational capacity, comes to know or has reasonable cause to believe, a child has been abused/neglected, to report the abuse/neglect to an agency which provides child welfare services or to a local law enforcement agency.

Signature of PA, no copies or stamps accepted

Date

6/1/2020

6/1/2020

Required Signature of Supervising Physician

Required Supervising Physician - Please Print

Date

Board Use Only: Date Processed

Amount 200.00

Tammy Hankins PA-C Letter of Detailed Explanation

May 18, 2020

Dear Nevada Pharmacy Board, and Drug Enforcement Agency,

My name is Tammy Hankins, and I appreciate the difficult decisions the Nevada Pharmacy Board and DEA Board makes on a weekly basis. The reason for this request is to ask the Nevada Pharmacy Board and DEA to issue me a DEA license to practice as a physician assistant. I worked as a physician assistant for approximately 14 years; as a prior Internal Medicine/Urgent Care, OB/Gyn, family practice, surgery as second surgeon, and plastic and reconstructive surgery. I assisted as a second surgeon in EENT, general surgery, OB/Gyn surgery, orthopedic surgery, and urological surgery.

I have an undergraduate degree in biochemistry and biology, and a post graduate degree in medicine and physician assistant studies. I graduated high school as the valedictorian. I graduated my undergraduate studies cum laude, and I graduated my post graduate studies magna cum laude.

The reason I am writing you today is to explain the circumstances which caused me to let my DEA, and my Arizona medical license to expire.

After graduating physician assistant school in 1999, my husband and I were living in Grand Rapids, Michigan. My husband, Warren Tracy Hankins, is a medical doctor, whom specializes in plastic and reconstructive surgery. We moved from Michigan to Arizona so my husband could practice plastic surgery. I helped my husband as a surgical second surgeon in the operating room and in the office seeing patients, and doing procedures. During that time I had multiple other specialties as a physician assistant. Over the next six years, my husband and I moved in and out of Arizona practicing medicine.

In 2005, my husband and I practiced plastic surgery together in Arizona, and my husband had a second practice in Las Vegas. My position in Lake Havasu City, Arizona was a full time physician assistant specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery with my husband as my supervising physician. Since my husband and I had two offices opened, I ran the Lake Havasu office and he came down from Las Vegas, Nevada to Lake Havasu City, Arizona one day per week spending half or more of the day in surgery. I worked five days per week and was on call over the weekend, and was responsible for all post operative care. I was responsible for all pre-operative visits, clearing patients for surgery, and subsequently prescribing all medications needed by each patient. Since in many of our plastic surgery procedures the surgeon has to cut muscle and sometimes the patients bone, the surgery results in a very painful post-operative recovery. This requires the physician assistant to prescribe narcotic pain medication to each patient. The common pain medications prescribed in our office was Percocet and Vicodin. It was common for me to prescribe Valium as well, which offered muscle relaxing effects and sedation. A few to some patients received muscle relaxers, and nausea medication. If we did surgery in the operating room, the patients received an antibiotic. My husband, my supervising physician, was in the Lake Havasu medical office only one half day per week, leaving me completing most physician responsibilities, and writing all the prescriptions. Our Lake Havasu practice also included a weight loss clinic and some primary care.

I watched my husband operate. I saw and followed the post-operative results in the Lake Havasu patients. It is my opinion that he was a good surgeon and doctor. Our patients visiting our clinics were happy and had great surgical results. I felt he was a great teacher of plastic and reconstructive surgery procedures. Even though my husband was a good physician, he failed as a husband and father, which leads me into the next events.

My husband started to have affairs while I was raising our four children. I rarely saw my husband, and our children suffered from not seeing their father much. My husband's affairs became too much, and when he was home he was angry and mean. Since I personally caught my husband having affairs

three times, and his behavior at home was drastically affecting the kids, I asked my husband to move out, and we agreed to a subsequent divorce. My husband was not happy with this decision, and he launched an attack on me for ending the marriage. When I asked for a divorce, it negatively affected our work relationship greatly, and it threatened my job, income, and career. It put my medical license in jeopardy because he was my supervising physician.

My husband was hurt, bitter, and extremely angry that I was leaving him. My husband was worried about the money, and was afraid that I was going to take our investments. He started the repeated threats of removing himself as my supervising physician. My husband called the police department, and then went to the police department to make a police report that said I was writing prescriptions to patients to resell them to other people. This accusation he made is entirely false, and not true at all. He called the local pharmacies and accused me of writing illegal prescriptions to patients. One pharmacist called the Arizona Medical Board to file a complaint. Then my husband called the medical Board stating the above false accusations and more.

At this time, I was approximately 40 years old, and I had never been in trouble with the police or the medical Boards. In the past, my criminal records may have shown a couple of speeding tickets. I have never used illegal drugs. To be totally honest with the Boards, when I was in high school, I tried marijuana two or three times and I hated it, so I never used any drugs again.

These accusations resulted in simultaneous police department and medical Board investigations. When I found out there were two concurrent, criminal and administrative, investigations against me for the same event at the same time, I almost passed out. I was paralyzed in fear because I didn't know how I was going to take care of my children.

The accusations against me are not true. In my opinion, the accusations are without basis. I felt my husband did these things to be hurtful and revengeful for ending our marriage. I felt my husband didn't want his image ruined from a divorce due to his adultery, and he feared losing a lot of money. By tarnishing my reputation, he would save his, and he would get to keep all the money. If I was in jail, I would have no resources or access to defend myself in the divorce.

Our divorce was filed in 2009, but we continued to work together in the Lake Havasu office for 2 years. The conditions of this work environment were changing with threats of my husband leaving the practice as my supervising physician, and threatening to kick me out of my own business. We argued every time we saw each other in the medical office.

On October 7, 2011, my former husband, while we were working together, went to the Lake Havasu police department, and filed a crime report stating I was over prescribing narcotics and taking them myself, and selling them. These accusations were untrue. I was not taking any narcotics, or patient prescriptions, and I was not selling them. It's my opinion my husband made up these false accusations so he could take the Lake Havasu business away from me, which I was given by the court in our divorce. I felt my husband was unhappy since the divorce hurt his reputation in the community since he was cheating on me in multiple affairs, and with patients.

I would like the DEA to take into consideration that I was contacted by the police within days of the police report being filed. The police came to my business, at least four officers, and we talked about my husband changing the locks on my business. This is when he locked me out of my business, the one that was ours but was given to me by the court in the divorce, and stole it from me. I spoke face to face with multiple police officers, and I was not arrested. I assume they sent four officers because of the accusations that I was using illegal drugs. I assumed the police officers were evaluating me for drug use while talking to me about my ex-husband stealing the business. I felt the officers were looking for signs of intoxication like dilated pupils, slurred speech, and unusual movements. I felt since I was not arrested, they felt I was not under the influence of drugs.

As a physician assistant who understands drugs, it is easy for trained professionals to recognize the signs of drug abuse and intoxication. I felt I would have gone to jail if I showed any signs of being under the influence, but I was never arrested for possession or using drugs.

I worked for six hospitals including my physician assistant training. During these times, I had multiple drug tests that have always come out with no drug use.

Ordered by the Arizona Medical Board, a physician hired by the Board, whom evaluates physician assistants, Dr Sucher, performed a complete exam, evaluation, and assessment of my medical practice skills including prescribing history. This included urine and hair drug tests. As well I had a blood drug test. I showed no drug use in any test. I passed all tests, including prescribing history. I also completed and passed random drug tests ordered by the medical Board separately.

After I was not arrested for using drugs, and being under the influence of drugs, and I as not arrested for possession of drugs, on November 1, 2011, Tim Youso, a pharmacist from Walmart said in an email that he was contacted by my husband, and he felt I was recklessly writing prescriptions without supervision. This pharmacist contacted the Arizona Medical Board with this complaint.

After the first attempt by my husband trying to get me arrested for drug use failed, he then contacted a pharmacist stating I was writing prescriptions recklessly. This would cause not only a criminal investigation, but also a medical board investigation.

On October 29, 2011, Walmart pharmacist, Timothy Youso, whom was notified by my husband, filed a crime report for an additional charge of fraud listing me as a suspect. The crime stated I committed fraud at Walmart after a customer, JC turned in two prescriptions for medication and the crime report said I did not have proper approval by my supervising physician.

I have never in my career written prescriptions recklessly, nor have I over prescribed medication. Because of our bitter divorce, my husband was not going to stop until he put me in jail. I would like the board to know it is an email letter which started the original medical board investigation, from Walmart pharmacist Timothy Youso. after talking to Warren Tracy Hankins, MD, and then alleges I was recklessly writing prescriptions without supervision.

In his self-report to the LHCPD, my husband, Warren Tracy Hankins, MD, accuses me of "over prescribing prescription medication, and possibly abusing them myself." I was contacted after his report by the LHCPD, and his complaint did not work, so my husband created new false accusations using a pharmacist, Timothy Youso, stating I was recklessly writing prescriptions without supervision.

These accusations started full investigations by both the police department, and by the Arizona Medical Board. The police department sent it to the grand jury, and it resulted in an indictment. There was no evidence to any of the false accusations, so there was no charge that stuck. However, I took an Alford plea for conspiracy, because I was guaranteed probation and no jail time. I could not be away from home because I had my 4 children to take care of. An Alford plea is a plea maintaining your innocence.

At the same time, the Arizona Medical Board was conducting a concurrent investigation for the same accusations regarding the same events based on the same complaint. As earlier stated, Dr Sucher did a complete evaluation including drug testing. My medical practice and all prescribing history was evaluated. He pulled a complete prescribing history. Dr. Sucher, the Arizona Medical Board Physician Health Program contracted physician, reported to the Board indicating I was safe to perform healthcare tasks, and no further evaluation, treatment, or monitoring recommendations were made. I was told by the Arizona Medical Board that I was not losing my license for these accusations. They also concluded that I was not using drugs based on multiple source drug testing. I went in front of the Arizona Medical Board finally for the formal interview on 11/28/2012, and they concluded that I would receive a letter of reprimand, ordered me to take 2 in person CME courses, one on boundaries, and one for pain management, and to be on practice probation for one year or until I completed the CME ordered,

whichever came first.

I could not afford to pay for the courses, or to leave my children to go take them, as I had no help from my husband at the time, and I had no income. My husband locked me out, and stole my business, and gave me very little in the divorce. I had no job, and minimum income. I could not afford a lawyer, and with the impending state felony charge, I had to let my DEA license, and my medical license expire, which was due to renew 6/1/2013.

As if I hadn't already done enough damage, I acquired a misdemeanor DUI on 12/19/2013 which resulted in fines only. I had just gone through open reconstructive surgery to repair my shattered left wrist only days prior, and was in a tremendous amount of pain. My wrist was shattered as a result of a fall incurred as a result of domestic violence delivered from my then ex-boyfriend of the past 2 years. He was another terrible choice I allowed in my life. My ex-husband had just served me with more legal paperwork, this time demanding to take my children to live with him for one school year. I had no money to fight him, and no resources. I was in a torrent downward spiral in every aspect in my life, and I was not handling it well.

Then on 1/17/2014, my probation for the conspiracy charge was revoked and I was sentenced to 2.5 years prison, as I was charged with violating my probation, and I was given a new charge of Sexual Conduct with a Minor. This was a class 6 felony, which was to decrease down to a misdemeanor once my sentence of an additional 1 year was completed. The minor was 6'5" and 250lbs, and told me he was 25. I was unaware of his age, but it turned out he was under 18, and still in high school. He went to school and bragged, and it got around to a teacher, whom told the high school guidance officer, whom then passed it on to a LHCPD detective, whom investigated and turned it in to the prosecutor, whom pressed charges. I was unaware of his age, and what was happening until I was contacted by the police, again.

I was turned in by my probation officer on 1/16/2014 to the county jail, and I was not released. When you violate probation, you do not get released until you are re-sentenced for that crime. I was finally sentenced on 8/11/2014, and I was sent to Arizona Department of Corrections, Arizona State Prison Complex- Perryville in Goodyear (Phoenix), on 8/13/2014 until I completed all time ordered, 3.5 years, and was released the end of January, 2017, to be on community supervision until the end of June, 2017.

During my incarceration, I completed extensive counseling and many classes. I was also able to work, surprisingly still in the medical field, but in the computer programming medical information management section of medicine. I worked for Wolters Kluwer Health, selling and teaching its programs to large medical centers. Most fortunate for me, there is a company, TeleVerde, based in Phoenix, that has a handful of working call centers in ADC, offering full-time positions to those who qualify. And so, I did spend my time working hard on myself, and still working hard to support myself and saving money for my release, to be able to put my life back together.

I still had my house, and so I returned to Lake Havasu City, the first weekend of March of 2017, after ADC was able to transfer my parole to Mohave county. The corrections system is so backed up, that I had to be paroled out of ADC to Maricopa county (Phoenix, where I was) and wait for them to get to me, to transfer me to Mohave county, where my home is located. I had to wait for a weekend because I had to wait until my two, then adult, children could come from U of A in Tucson, where they were very active students, and drive me the 5.5 hour trip from Phoenix to Lake Havasu City. I had no car, as my ex-husband sold my car while I was incarcerated, and I had no current drivers license, as I still had ADOT repentance to complete as a result of my DUI.

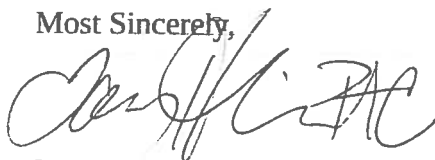
Once I was back at home, after setting up DUI counseling, finding and purchasing a car, and setting up an alcohol breath detector blowing machine arrangement with MVD and the machine company(located an hour drive away), I was able to get a short term qualified drivers license. After six

months of this extensive ADOT MVD DUI therapy, I was freed of the blower, and given my unlimited drivers license.

Wow, fast difficult lessons learned so hard and for so long! I am so sorry for the disasters I created, and for the people I have hurt in my life. I have been working diligently, so intensely, to put my life back together. I have held two jobs, entirely non-clinical, since my release, and I so look forward to going back to what I love. I have corrected, rehabilitated, and resolved my issues in my life, and I have been working very hard at getting my life back. Medicine is what I know, what I am trained in, and it is what I am good at doing. I have extensive experience, education, and knowledge, and I want nothing more than to continue in it. I have taken care of all other issues in my life which I created, and I am so ready to go back into medicine. My children need me to be able to provide for them. They have been living with their father, but have not had all their needs met. I have been assisting in supporting them as best I am able to do with limited income. As well, they need me more actively back in their lives, so badly. My destruction effected and affected them so significantly, and I need to be able to care for and provide for them now. My two youngest are now 14 and 17, and go to school in Las Vegas (Henderson), where they reside with their father. They see me on weekends, holidays, and during school breaks. I need to offer them a complete home with their mother, along with the home they have there with their father. My second to oldest is just now graduating from U of A, and will be moving to NYC for an amazing job opportunity. My oldest is 24 and lives in Austin, Texas working a great job she obtained with her U of A education, until she is relocated to NYC as well. They also need a home with their mother to come home to. My children deserve a complete life. I am working hard to give this back to them.

My previous DEA license was MH0445127. There never were any actions or sanctions placed on my DEA license, and there was a DEA officer present at all police interviews during my investigation. On March 20, 2019 I sat for the PANRE, and re-certified with NCCPA. They have issued a letter of censure from all my trouble. I keep up on CME monthly, and read journals and articles weekly. I went before the Nevada Medical Board in Reno, NV on March 6, 2020, and I was issued my Nevada medical license. I have obtained a full time job with Vida Medspa in Las Vegas, and I have a new supervising physician. I am ready to go back into clinical medicine. Please grant my prescribing privileges request.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tammy Hankins', written over a horizontal line.

Tammy Hankins, PA-C

Nevada State Board of Pharmacy
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Required Addendum for APN's and PA's applying for DEA registrations

Please complete the following information and return by mail to address above or by fax to (775) 850-1444. When the completed form has been received and is complete, we will notify DEA of the required information.

Name: Tammy Hankins APN or PA (Circle one)

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(This can not be a home address)

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Telephone: (702) 202-3050

Fax: ()

Email: gapc@live.com

Supervising Physician: Salvador Borromeo III, MD

Signature:  Date: 6/1/2020

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Date DEA notified: _____

Pending CS #: _____

Lic #: _____



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License Information

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License Number: PA2277 Status: Active
Issue Date: 3/6/2020 Expiration Date: 6/30/2021

Scope of Practice

Scope of Practice: Physician Assistant

Education & Training

School: Olivet College / Olivet, MI
Degree\Certificate: Bachelor
of Arts
Date Enrolled:
Date Graduated: 5/9/1993
Scope of Practice:

School: Western Michigan University / Kalamazoo, MI
Degree\Certificate: Bachelor
of Science
Date Enrolled:
Date Graduated: 12/12/1998
Scope of Practice: Physician Assistant

School: Western Michigan University / Kalamazoo, MI
Degree\Certificate: Assistant
Degree
Date Enrolled: 9/1/1996
Date Graduated: 12/12/1998