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From: Michele L. Tunnell, Secretary, Civil Service Board

Date: January 23, 2018

Re: Quarterly Update

The following quarterly report reflects the Civil Service Board case filings and action taken between October 10, 2017 and January 15, 2018:

A. Cases Filed Between October 10, 2017 and January 15, 2018:

Demotion, Department of Corrections, Lansing Correctional Facility, filed October 10, 2017
Dismissal, Department of Corrections, Wichita Parole Office, filed October 26, 2017
5-day suspension, Kansas Neurological Institute, filed November 27, 2017
Demotion, Department of Corrections, Lansing Correctional Facility, filed November 27, 2017
Dismissal, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, Larned State Hospital, filed December 31, 2017
Reprimand/Whistleblower, Department of Corrections, Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility, filed December 31, 2017

B. Cases Decided and/or Disposed of:

3-day suspension *withdrawal*
Kansas Commission of Veterans' Affairs Office, Kansas Veterans Home
Certified Nurse Assistant. Appellant received a 3-day suspension for performing her duties in a brutal manner by slapping a patient's arm. Before the prehearing conference, appellant withdrew her appeal.

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Dismissal *default*
Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, Larned State Hospital
Mental Health Developmental Disability Technician. Appellant was terminated for insubordination by failing to follow a request by a supervisor. A prehearing conference was scheduled. Appellant did not timely appear. Later, she called and was advised that a Proposed Default Order was issued and that she would have to respond. She did not respond.

Reprimand/Whistleblower *withdrawn*
Department of Corrections, Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility
Classified Investigator. Appellant received a reprimand for failing to conduct himself in a professional manner involving an incident regarding his deactivation of an employee's facility cellphone and his subsequent investigation which the facility deemed was retaliatory. After the prehearing conference, appellant withdrew his appeal.

3-day suspension *withdrawn*
Department of Corrections, Lansing Correctional Facility
Corrections Officer I. Appellant received a 3-day suspension for making an inappropriate and unprofessional comment to another employee while on duty. Prior to the hearing, appellant did not provide any of the required documents to the Board. She was contacted by letter asking her to advise the Board whether she was going to appear for her hearing. The letter specifically provided that her failure to contact the Board would be deemed a withdrawal of her appeal. She did not contact the Board so her appeal was deemed to be withdrawn.

C. Cases Heard but Awaiting Briefing:

Demotion/Whistleblower, Department of Labor

D. Cases to be Heard:

Dismissal, Department for Aging and Disability Services, Osawatomie State Hospital, status conference February 7, 2018
3-day suspension, Department of Corrections, Lansing Correctional Facility, hearing February 8, 2018
10-day suspension and Dismissal, Department of Corrections, Wichita Parole Office, hearing May 8, 2018
Demotion, Department of Corrections, Lansing Correctional Facility, hearing April 17, 2018
5-day suspension, Kansas Neurological Institute, hearing April 18, 2017
Voluntary Transfer/Demotion, Department of Corrections, Lansing Correctional Facility, status conference January 31, 2017

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E. Statistics for Completed Cases:

Dismissals: 1
Suspensions: 2
Demotions: 0
Other: 1

Affirmed: 0
Modified: 0
Dismissed: 0
Withdrawn: 3
Default: 1

Kansas Veterans Home: 1
Department of Corrections: 2
Department for Aging and Disability Services: 1