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

Date: July 16, 2015

Re: Quarterly Update

The following reflects the Civil Service Board case filings and action taken since the April 15, 2015 quarterly report:

A. Cases Filed Between April 16, 2015 and July 15, 2015:

5 day suspension, Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office-Kansas Veterans Home, filed May 13, 2015
Dismissal, Department of Corrections-Wichita Parole Office, filed May 27, 2015
10 day suspension, Office of Information Technology Services-Department of Revenue, filed June 30, 2015
Dismissal, Department for Children and Families, filed July 2, 2015
Dismissal, Department of Corrections-El Dorado Correctional Facility, filed July 6, 2015
3 day suspension, Department of Health and Environment, filed July 8, 2015

B. Cases Decided and/or Disposed Of:

Dismissal *default*
Department of Corrections-Hutchinson Correctional Facility
Storekeeper Specialist. Appellant was dismissed for having been involved in an unduly familiar, inappropriate, and unprofessional relationship with an inmate. Specifically, the appellant was in the staff restroom with an inmate for twelve minutes. A status conference was scheduled; the appellant did not appear. A proposed default order was issued for her failure to appear to which she did not respond.

Job Abandonment *dismissed*
Department of Corrections-Topeka Correctional Facility
Corrections Officer II. Appellant was absent from work, without authorization and without a satisfactory explanation, for five consecutive days. She was advised by letter that this was considered abandonment of her position. Appellant filed an appeal. TCF filed a motion to dismiss on the grounds that the Board lacks jurisdiction to hear an appeal with regard to job abandonment. Appellant was given an opportunity to respond

but failed to do so. The Board granted the motion and dismissed the case for lack of jurisdiction.

5-day Suspension *withdrawn*
Commission on Veterans Affairs Office-Kansas Veterans Home
Engineering Technician. Appellant received a 5 day suspension and task reassignment based on deficiencies in his work performance. Prior to the hearing, the appellant withdrew his appeal.

C. Cases Awaiting Final Order:

Dismissal, Kansas Highway Patrol, heard July 8-9, 2015. Awaiting documents and briefing from the parties.

D. Cases to be Heard:

Demotion/Whistleblower, Department of Labor, remanded-stayed
Dismissal, Parsons State Hospital, hearing August 18, 2015
Dismissal, Department of Corrections, hearing November 16-17, 2015
10 day suspension, Office of Information Technology Services, hearing January 7, 2016
Dismissal, Department for Children and Families, prehearing July 28, 2015
Dismissal, Department of Corrections-El Dorado Correctional Facility, prehearing July 29, 2015
3 day suspension, Department of Health and Environment, prehearing July 27, 2015

E. Statistics for Completed Cases:

Dismissals: 1
Suspensions: 1
Other: 1

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

Department of Corrections: 2
Commission on Veterans Affairs Office: 1