ATTACHMENT A

RESPONDENT'S PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Petition for Reconsideration

It's this petitioner's reconsideration that everything that has to do with this case be reconsidered. Karen Ch. Crawford is my name and I'm the petitioner. I have documents from doctors and my therapist. They've already been submitted. I'm resubmitting my respondent's argument and hope it will be read and considered.

Respondent's Argument Sept. 5, 2013

I have been diagnosed with the condition of Bi Polar / Manic Depression since the age of 13. My psychiatrist Salman Atwal M.D. is treating me for Bi-Polar. I take Lithium Carbonate 300 2 cap. a day, Seroquel 200 mg. tab. 1 tab. a day, Geodon 60 mg. cap. 2x a day, Wellbutrin 150 mg. tab. 1x a day Propanalol 10 mg. tab. 2x a day and Temazepam 30 mg. cap. 1 tab a day. I had many depressive episodes during the years I worked at Porterville Developmental Center. I had to be hospitalized many times. I was hospitalized two times within 2 weeks of each other when I decided to apply for disability retirement. The last time I was in for 2 weeks and wanted to end my life. Porterville Developmental Center Personel office said, "you have a chronic condition and you can apply for disability retirement." My condition was and is very serious. My

job caused me to have anxiety, stress, nervousness and fearfulness.

I have a family history of Bi-Polar condition. My brother killed himself at age 21 after being depressed. My father was diagnosed as Bi-Polar. My aunt was Bi-Polar. My brother suffers from depression - Dr. Markovitz wasn't aware of this.

I believe that there was enough factual basis from four other professionals other than Dr. Markovitz to prove I'm Bi-Polar and am permanently disabled. He saw me one time for 45 minutes - Dr. Barnett stated that my disability was permanent - Mr. Bluestein said, her return to work would present a "significant safety concern" for clients and respondent". Dr. Espinosa's opinion was that respondents incapacity was permanent "for this position" as respondent cannot work around psychiatric patients. Dr. Sotram S. Atwal wrote "Karen has been suffering a severe form of Bi-Polar and intermittent psychotic symptoms." "She is barely functioning with current aggressive psychiatric treatment."

I don't know if anything was noted in the factual findings about how the job affected me. I would be shaky and nervous even before I got to work just knowing I was going there. My hands were shaking as I opened the door to the unit - I could

be signing in and I shook so hard you could hardly read my writing. I would become more anxious as I went to the floor. The behaviors of the clients were becoming more severe. Sometimes you would have to deal with three or four behaviors at a time. I would become fearful at times and became nervous and anxious. They put me working with more severe behaviors and this caused me more anxiety. It became where I couldn't sleep and wound up in a depression. I wound up in the hospital. After two times being hospitalized I felt I couldn't go back to work. It wasn't that I was resistant to returning to "a work situation she no longer enjoys" and "desire to spend time with her family". It was in fear of getting depressed so bad that I felt like killing myself again.

I believe too much emphasis was put on Dr. Markovitz's evaluation and not enough on the other professionals. I've seen the other professionals much more than 45 minutes. I see these professionals more often and they know more about my condition. What these other professionals said should be considered again. The professionals didn't run a test on me but have known more about me than Dr. Markovitz.

Dr. Markovitz wrote under DSM IV diagnosis under IV mild stressors from

her dislike for job requirements. This is wrong. I didn't dislike my new job requirements. I had to work with more severe behavior and it caused fear, stress and anxiety which caused me to not be able to sleep and become depressed. I had a hard time with my new duties.

Dr. Markovitz said, "If you don't want to do something it makes it hard to go back." It's not that. It's not that I don't want to do the job, it's that I'm not able to do the job because it worsens my condition. It's not that I want to spend more time with my family as Dr. Markovitz said, it's that I know I can't handle the stress and anxiety that the job causes me and the depression it brings.

How can Dr. Markovitz say "I have been inadequately treated for years." I have been under my family physicians care and other reputable psychiatrists who have treated me. They treat me or have treated me for Bi-Polar and have seen me in my episodes of depression.

Dr. Markovitz says "I can work at this time but do not like my job situation." It's not that I don't like my job situation, it's that it's too hard for me mentally and physically and affects my depression.

The P.T. (Psychiatric Technician) duties Dr. Markovitz stated I would do is not true.

Many of these job duties are mentally and physically hard on me. I haven't worked a 40 hour week since my first four and a half years with the Developmental Center. I worked 14½ more years half time and it became too hard on me. I don't want to have more anxiety, stress and nervousness if I were to go back to work that would affect my depression.

I feel I'm incapacitated at this time. I have depression and anxiety and my job aggravates this. I'm receiving effective treatment as I stated earlier, I see my family physician plus a reputable psychiatrist.

I don't remember making it "abundantly clear that I dislike my job situation and have no plans of returning to work even if she has remission in total of her illness." I will again stress the fact that it wasn't that I disliked my job but it was just too hard on me mentally and physically.

Mr. Bluestein is a psychologist and not a psychiatrist. He sees me twice a month. I'm sure he's written up reports on many clients. I'm sure he knows what he's doing.

I don't believe I have Borderline Personality Disorder as I don't have what Dr. Markovitz says is one of the symptoms. I don't have rage and anger control issues related to more reactivity during which they

react strongly to things in the environ.

The person that knows the best whether I can go back to work or not is me. I'm the one with the disability I'm the one who worked at my job and know what it was really like and how it affected me. It was hard for me mentally and physically it was hard. It caused me stress nervousness and fear which led to my depression and not being able to sleep. I remind you that my depression was so severe that I wanted to kill myself.

Please go back and revaluate what four other professionals besides Dr. Markovitz have to say. Read Dr. Barnett's Dr. Espinosa's, Mr. Bluestein's and Dr. Atwals about me and my permanent disability.

Sincerely
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