

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH**

In re: Sheila M. Harrington, R.N.

Petition No. 2023-271

**STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health ("the Department") brings the following charges against Sheila M. Harrington:

1. Sheila M. Harrington, R.N. ("respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license number R45205.
2. From approximately March 2023 to the present, respondent has or had one or more emotional disorders and/or mental illnesses ("illnesses").
3. Respondent's illnesses do, and/or may, affect her practice of nursing.
4. The above-described conduct constitutes grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §20-99(b), including, but not necessarily limited to §20-99(b)(4).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing, as authorized by Connecticut General Statutes §§20-99(b) and 19a-17, revoke or order other disciplinary action against the nursing license of Sheila M. Harrington as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 8th day of September, 2023.



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MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Department of Public Health ("the Department") moves, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §§4-182(c) and 19a-17(c), that the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing summarily suspend the license of Sheila M. Harrington to practice as a registered nurse in Connecticut. This motion is based on the attached Statement of Charges, report, documents, and on the Department's information and belief that the continued practice of Sheila M. Harrington represents a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 8th day of September, 2023.



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**SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER**


**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Health having moved for an order of summary suspension in this matter and having submitted a report and documents in support of its motion; and

**WHEREAS**, said report and documents allege facts which show violations of Connecticut General Statutes §20-99, and which imperatively require emergency action in that the public health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the State of Connecticut is in clear and immediate danger.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4-182(c) and § 19a-17(c), it is hereby **ORDERED**, by vote of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing ("the Board"):

1. That license number R45205 of Sheila M. Harrington to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby summarily suspended pending a final determination by the Board regarding the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges, and
2. That said license shall be immediately surrendered to the Department of Public Health Hearing Office, 410 Capitol Avenue, MS#13PHO, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308 upon notification of this Order, and
3. That a hearing in this matter is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2023, at 8:30am via Microsoft Teams.

Dated at <sup>Waterbury</sup> ~~Hartford~~, Connecticut this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

  
Patricia C. Beauford, D.N.Sc.  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING**

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Somers, CT 06071

**VIA EMAIL (sharrington399@yahoo.com)**  
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First class Mail

**RE: Sheila M. Harrington, RN - Petition No. 2023-271**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

By authority of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Section 4-177, you are hereby notified to appear before the Board of Examiners for Nursing for a hearing on the attached Charges against you at **8:30 AM on October 4, 2023**. The hearing will be held by video conference during the meeting of the Board of Examiners for Nursing. The link to connect to the hearing will be provided by email 3-5 days prior to the hearing.

These Charges are being brought against you under the provisions of the Sections 19a-9, 19a-10 and 20-99(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 54 of the General Statutes of Connecticut and Section 19a-9-1, et seq., of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (Public Health Code).

At the hearing you will have the opportunity to present your evidence, including witnesses and documents. It will be your responsibility to provide the hearing connection link to any witnesses you may call.

**Filing an Answer; Failure to File Answer:**

You are required to file an answer to the attached Charges with the Department of Public Health within 14 days from the date of this Notice of Hearing. Please note: failure to file an Answer could result in the allegations being found to be true as stated, and the possibility that you will not be permitted to submit any evidence concerning the allegations.

**Representation by an Attorney:**

At the aforementioned hearing you may be represented by an attorney and present evidence on your behalf. Although you may represent yourself (pro se), you are urged to obtain the services of an attorney.

**Documents:**

If you intend to introduce documents into evidence, **YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:**

Exhibits should be pre-marked for identification ( i.e. Department exhibit 1, Respondent exhibit A), page numbered, and properly redacted.

The following information shall be redacted.

- (1) Date of birth
- (2) Mother's maiden name
- (3) Motor vehicle operator's license number
- (4) Social Security Number
- (5) Other government-issued identification number
- (6) Health insurance identification number
- (7) Financial account number
- (8) Security code or personal identification number (PIN)

**Order Re: Filings**

In preparation for this hearing, you must, no later than September 29, 2023, provide the information specified in the attached Notice for Submissions.

All communications to the Board shall be submitted in this fashion. The Department or Respondent shall provide a copy of each document filed to Respondent or Department as the case may be and certify such to the Board.

**Failure to Appear:**

If you fail to appear at the hearing, upon proof that due notice was served upon you to appear, the Board may proceed in the same manner as though you were present in person. **The Board may hold a fact-finding meeting immediately following the close of the record.**

Please call 860-509-7566 as soon as possible if you have any questions about the hearing schedule.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 21st day of September 2023.

For the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

/s/ Tyra Anne Peluso

Tyra Anne Peluso, Administrative Hearings Specialist

c: Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Office of Legal Compliance

The Department of Public Health is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

*If you require aid/accommodation to participate fully and fairly,  
please contact the Public Health Hearing Office at 860-509-7566.*

### Notice for Submissions

The hearing in the matter of **Sheila M. Harrington, RN** has been scheduled for **October 4, 2023**, and will be conducted remotely through Microsoft Teams/teleconference.

On or before **September 29, 2023**, you must provide the following by electronic mail response to the Department of Public Health, Public Health Hearing Office at [phho.dph@ct.gov](mailto:phho.dph@ct.gov).

1. Electronically Pre-filed exhibits – Exhibits should be pre-marked for identification ( i.e., Department exhibit 1, Respondent exhibit A), page numbered, **and properly redacted for any personally identifiable information**. *Parties and/or counsel should stipulate to any exhibits and facts not in dispute and provide any objections to proposed exhibits*. All exhibits also must be sent to the opposing party or counsel.
2. Witness List – identify any persons expected to be called to testify. Be sure to notify your witnesses that they will be required to remain available and in attendance for the full duration of the hearing. (This will eliminate the difficulty of trying to reach witnesses again for rebuttal or additional examination later in the hearing). Witness lists also must be sent to the opposing party or counsel.
3. Photo Identification: Self-represented parties should provide a copy of a government-issued photo identification for yourself and any witnesses you expect to call. Photo identification is *not* required for parties represented by counsel, or witnesses called to testify for parties represented by counsel.
4. Electronic Mail (“e-mail”) addresses for parties, counsel, and witnesses. All e-mail addresses must be current and able to receive all notices relating to this matter.
5. Cellphone numbers for all parties, counsel, and witnesses at which they can be reached and respond to text message during the hearing (in the event a connection is lost).
6. A statement whether executive session may be required to receive testimony containing personal protected information, and if so, what that information may be (treatment records, patient records, therapy reports). Parties or counsel should identify any witnesses listed in response to #2 above who may provide testimony relating to personal protected information requiring executive session.
7. A statement whether an interpreter will be needed for the proceeding.

This is a formal public hearing. It will be video recorded and posted on the DPH website for public viewing\*. All hearing participants should appear on video in proper attire, in proper surroundings, and remove any potential distractions.

In preparation, please make sure all of your devices are fully functioning and properly charged. All participants are required to have video and audio functions on when testifying or speaking.

Documents are not required to be shared on-screen during hearings, as all parties, attorneys, board members and/or hearing officers have been provided such documents prior to the hearing. Parties and/or attorneys who elect to share documents for viewing on-screen during the hearing must do so from their own equipment. Confidential documents should only be shared in executive session. Hearing Office staff / Teams administrators are not responsible for the sharing of submitted documents in the presentation of a party’s case.

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November 8, 2023

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RE: **Sheila M. Harrington, RN - Petition No. 2023-271**

### NOTICE OF CONTINUED HEARING

During a hearing in the referenced matter on October 4, 2023, the Board of Examiners for Nursing ordered a continuance. The hearing is rescheduled to **Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.**, and will be held by video conference during the meeting of the Board of Examiners for Nursing. The link to the hearing will be provided by email prior to the hearing.

In preparation for this hearing, you must, no later than November 27, 2023, provide the information specified in the attached Notice for Submissions.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 8th day of November 2023.

FOR: **BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING**

BY: /s/ Tyra Anne Peluso \_\_\_\_\_

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