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

Denise Ambrose, L.P.N.
License No. 036078

Petition No. 2019-751

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

I

Procedural Background

On December 12, 2019, the Department of Public Health ("Department") filed a Statement of Charges ("Charges") and a Motion for Summary Suspension ("Motion") with the Board of Examiners for Nursing ("Board"). Board ("Bd.") Exhibit ("Ex.") 1, 2. The Charges allege violations of Chapter 378 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("Conn. Gen. Stat.") by Denise Ambrose, L.P.N. ("Respondent") which would subject Respondent's L.P.N. license number 036078 to disciplinary action pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 19a-17 and 20-99(b). Bd. Ex. 1.

Based on the allegations in the Charges and the affidavits and reports attached to the Motion, the Board found that Respondent's continued nursing practice presented a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety. Accordingly, on December 18, 2019, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c), the Board ordered that Respondent's L.P.N. license be summarily suspended pending a final determination by the Board of the allegations contained in the Charges ("Summary Suspension Order"). Bd. Ex. 3.

On December 18, 2019, the Summary Suspension Order, Charges, and a Notice of Hearing ("Notice") were mailed via first class mail to Respondent's address of record with the Department. Bd. Ex. 4. The Notice indicated that a hearing would be held on January 15, 2020. The Summary Suspension Order, Charges, and Notice were also served to Respondent's usual place of abode via a State Marshal. *Id.* Additionally, the correspondence was transmitted to deniseonerato@yahoo.com, Respondent's email address of record on file with the Department. deniseonerato@yahoo.com. Bd. Ex. 4.

On January 10, 2020, Respondent emailed the Board, requesting a continuance of the January 15, 2020, hearing. Without objection from the Department, the Board granted Respondent's request. Bd. Ex. 5. The hearing was continued to March 18, 2020. *Id.*

On March 13, 2020, the Department notified Respondent by first class mail and email that the location of the hearing had been changed. Bd. Ex. 6.

On March 16, 2020, Respondent emailed the Board, requesting a second continuance. Bd. Ex. 7. Without objection from the Department, the Board granted Respondent's request and notified Respondent via email transmission that her continuance request had been granted.¹ No new hearing date was scheduled at that time. *Id.*

Respondent's email address of record on file with the Department is listed on the credential view screen form located on the Department's licensee database. Bd. Ex. 13; Transcript ("Tr.") p. 8.

On June 15, 2020, the Department notified Respondent, by email sent to deniseonerato@yahoo.com, that the hearing had been rescheduled to July 15, 2020. Bd. Ex. 8.

On July 14, 2020, Respondent requested a continuance of the hearing that was scheduled for July 15, 2020. Bd. Ex. 9. Without objection from the Department, the Board granted Respondent's continuance request and continued the hearing to September 16, 2020. *Id.*

On September 10, 2020, Respondent requested a continuance of the hearing scheduled for September 16, 2020. The Department did not object to Respondent's request. Bd. Ex. 10. and the Board granted Respondent's request. *Id.* The hearing was continued to November 18, 2020. *Id.*

On November 12, 2020, Respondent requested a continuance of the hearing scheduled for November 18, 2020. The Department did not object to Respondent's continuance request (Bd. Ex. 11) and the Board granted Respondent's request. The hearing was continued to February 17, 2021. *Id.*

On February 16, 2021, Respondent requested a sixth continuance of the hearing scheduled for February 17, 2021 in order to obtain legal counsel. Without objection from the Department, the Board granted Respondent's request. Bd. Ex. 12. The hearing was continued to May 19, 2021. *Id.*

¹ On May 27, 2020, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. 7B, Executive No. 7K, or Executive Order No. 7M, the Commissioner of the Department ordered that Conn. Agencies Regs. § 19a-9-18 was modified to permit delivery of hearing Notices to be sent solely by email and to deem such notice to be effective and sufficient if sent to the party's last known email address of record on file with the Department.

At all times that the hearing was pending, Respondent's license remained under suspension. Bd. Ex. 5, 7, and 9-12.

On May 13, 2021, the Department filed a Motion to Amend the Statement of Charges, seeking to correct a typographical error by eliminating a reference to a May 15, 2019, Consent Order contained in the allegations of paragraph 5 in the Charges. Bd. Ex. 14; Tr. pp. 9-10. The Board granted the Motion to Amend the Statement of Charges. Tr. pp. 10-11.

On the morning of May 19, 2021, the date of the scheduled hearing, Respondent notified the Department via email that she would not be present at the hearing. Tr. pp. 7, 12. The hearing was held as scheduled on May 19, 2021. Respondent was neither present nor represented by counsel during the hearing. Tr. pp. 3, 7. Attorney Brittany Petano represented the Department.

Respondent did not file an Answer to the Charges. Tr. pp. 11-12.

At the hearing, the Department moved orally on the record to deem the allegations admitted. Tr. pp. 11-13. The Board granted the Department's motion. Tr. pp. 12-13.

Following the close of the record, the Board conducted fact finding.

Each member of the Board involved in this decision attests that he or she was present at the hearing, or has reviewed the record, and that this decision is based entirely on the record, the law, and the Board's specialized professional knowledge in evaluating the evidence. *Pet v. Department of Health Services*, 228 Conn. 651 (1994).

II

Allegations

1. In paragraph 1 of the Charges, the Department alleges that Respondent, of Southington, Connecticut, is and has been at all times, as referenced in the Charges, the holder of Connecticut licensed practical nurse license number 036078.
2. In paragraph 2 of the Charges, the Department alleges that Respondent, during the course of approximately January 2019 through April 2019, while working as a licensed practical nurse at Apple Rehabilitation:
 - a. diverted oxycodone for personal use;
 - b. failed to document medical or hospital records completely, properly, and/or accurately; and/or
 - c. falsified one or more controlled substance receipt records.

3. In paragraph 3 of the Charge, the Department alleges that during the course of approximately January 2019 through May 2019, Respondent abused and/or utilized oxycodone to excess.
4. In paragraph 4 of the Charges, the Department alleges that Respondent's abuse and/or utilization of oxycodone to excess does, and/or may, affect her practice as a L.P.N.
5. In paragraph 5 of the Charges, the Department alleges that Respondent's conduct as described above subjects her license to revocation or other disciplinary action authorized by Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 19a-17 and 20-99(b).

III

Findings of Fact

1. On December 18, 2019, the Summary Suspension Order, Charges, and Notice were mailed via first class mail to Respondent's address of record on file with the Department. Bd. Ex. 4. Respondent had reasonable and adequate written notice of the hearing and the allegations contained in the Charges. Tr. pp. 8, 12.
2. Without objection from the Department, the Board granted Respondent's six continuance requests. Bd. Ex. 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12. On the morning of the May 19, 2021, hearing, Respondent notified the Department by email that she would not be present for the hearing. Tr. pp. 7, 12.
3. Respondent did not appear at the hearing and did not request a continuance. *Id.*
4. Respondent did not file an Answer to the Charges. Tr. pp. 11-12.
5. The factual allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 4 of the Charges are deemed admitted and true. Tr. pp. 11-13.

IV

Discussion and Conclusions of Law

The Department bears the burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence in this matter. *Jones v. Connecticut Medical Examining Board*, 309 Conn. 727, 739-740 (2013).

The Department sustained its burden of proof with regard to the allegations contained in the Charges.

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-99 provides, in pertinent part:

- (a) The Board . . . shall have jurisdiction to hear all charges of conduct which fails to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession brought against persons

licensed to practice nursing. After holding a hearing . . . said board, if it finds such person to be guilty, may revoke or suspend his or her license or take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17. . . .

Specifically, under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 20-99(b), the Board is authorized to hear all charges of conduct which fail to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession and to discipline the license of a nurse who fails to conform to the accepted standards of practice of the nursing profession.

Respondent did not file an Answer. Therefore, the allegations are deemed admitted. *See*, Conn. Agencies Regs. § 19a-9-20. Accordingly, the Department has established by a preponderance of the evidence that Respondent's abuse of oxycodone does, and/or may affect her ability to practice. Department ("Dept.") Ex. 1, pp. 1-7.

The record establishes that between January 28, 2019, and April 5, 2019, there were a total of eleven (11) cards containing oxycodone 5mg tablets, totaling 165 tablets, that were unaccounted for at Respondent's place of employment. Dept. Ex. 1, p. 1; Dept. Ex. 2, p. 8. There was no documentation on the medication administration record ("MAR") forms to account for the 165 missing tablets. *Id.*

On April 25, 2019, a Controlled Substance Disposition Record ("CSDR") form revealed that Respondent had signed out two (2) oxycodone 10mg tablets to be administered to a patient at times that were not ordered by the patient's physician. The balance on hand of oxycodone 10 mg tablets was short by 2 tablets. Dept. Ex. 1, p. 2; Dept. Ex. 2, p. 10.

On April 26, 2019, that same patient's card was missing four (4) oxycodone tablets. *Id.* On April 29, 2019, this same patient's card was missing five (5) oxycodone tablets and there was no witnessed signature on the CSDR form indicating that a tablet had been wasted. Dept. Ex. 1, pp. 1-3; Dept. Ex. 2, pp. 10-11.

Ultimately, Respondent admitted that she had diverted oxycodone from patient stock for her personal use. Dept. Ex.1, pp. 1, 3. Therefore, the Department established by a preponderance of the evidence that during the period of January 2019 through April 2019, Respondent diverted oxycodone for her personal use, failed to document medical or hospital records completely, properly, and/or accurately, and falsified one or more CSDR forms. The Department also established by a preponderance of the evidence that during the course of approximately January 2019 through May 2019, Respondent abused and/or utilized oxycodone

to excess and Respondent's abuse and/or utilization of oxycodone to excess does, and/or may, affect her practice as a L.P.N.

The record also establishes that Respondent has been in sporadic contact with the Department. Dept. Ex. 1, p. 5. On October 24, 2019, Respondent did not keep her appointment with the Department investigator. Since October 25, 2019, Respondent has not been in contact with the Department. The Department determined that it could not ensure that Respondent could practice with skill and safety at that time. *Id.*

Thus, the Board concludes that Respondent's conduct as deemed to be admitted and true constitutes grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 20-99(b) and 19a-17.

Order

Based on the record in this case, the above findings of fact, and conclusions of law, the Board orders that Denise Ambrose's L.P.N. license number 036078 is hereby **revoked**.

This Order is effective on the date it is signed by the Board.

The Board hereby informs Respondent, Denise Ambrose, and the Department of this Decision.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut this _____ day of January 2022.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

By _____
Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair

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

David Martin, R.N.
License No. 143914

Petition No. 2021-242

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

I

Procedural Background

On April 13, 2021, the Department of Public Health ("Department") filed a Statement of Charges ("Charges") with the Board of Examiners for Nursing ("Board"). Board ("Bd.") Exhibit ("Ex.") 1. The Charges allege violations of Chapter 378 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("Conn. Gen. Stat.") by David Martin ("Respondent") which would subject Respondent's registered nurse ("R.N.") license, number 143914, to disciplinary action pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 19a-17 and 20-99(b)(5). *Id.*

On April 13, 2021, the Department filed a Motion for Summary Suspension Order ("Summary Suspension Order") with the Board. Bd. Ex. 2. Based on the allegations in the Charges, the Board found that Respondent's continued nursing practice presented a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety. On that same date, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c), the Board ordered that Respondent's R.N. license be summarily suspended pending a final determination by the Board of the allegations contained in the Charges. *Id.*

On April 21, 2021, the Department emailed the Summary Suspension Order, the Charges, and a Notice of Hearing ("Notice") to ind.7@hotmail.com, Respondent's email address of record on file with the Department,¹ Bd. Ex. 4. The Notice indicated that a hearing had been scheduled for May 19, 2021.

On May 19, 2021, the Board convened the hearing. Respondent was present at the hearing and was not represented by counsel. Transcript ("Tr.") p. 3. Attorney Linda Fazzina represented the Department. Tr. p. 5.

At the hearing, Respondent orally answered the Charges on the record. Tr. pp. 9-11.

¹ On May 27, 2020, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. 7B, Executive No. 7K, and Executive Order No. 7M, the Commissioner of the Department issued an Order modifying Conn. Agencies Regs. § 19a-9-18 to permit delivery of notices of hearing to be sent solely by email and to deem such notice to be effective and sufficient if sent to the party's last known email address of record on file with the Department.

Following the close of the record, the Board conducted fact finding.

Each member of the Board involved in this decision attests that he or she was present at the hearing or has reviewed the record, and that this decision is based entirely on the record, the law, and the Board's specialized professional knowledge in evaluating the evidence. *Pet v. Department of Health Services*, 228 Conn. 651 (1994).

II

Allegations

Count One

1. In paragraph 1 of the Charges, the Department alleges that Respondent, of Thomaston, Connecticut, is, and has been at all times, as referenced in the Charges, the holder of Connecticut R.N. license number 143914.
2. In paragraph 2 of the Charges, the Department alleges that on or about February 25, 2021, Respondent abused and/or utilized heroin to excess.
3. In paragraph 3 of the Charges, the Department alleges that Respondent's abuse and/or excessive use of heroin does, and/or may, affect his practice as a nurse.
4. In paragraph 4 of the Charges, the Department alleges that the above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 20-99(b), including, but not limited to, 20-99(b)(5).

Count Two

5. In paragraph 5 of the Charges, the Department alleges that paragraphs 1 through 4 are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
6. In paragraph 6 of the Charges, the Department alleges that on November 18, 2020, the Board ordered a Consent Order in Petition Number 2019-31 (hereinafter "the Consent Order") that placed Respondent's nursing license on probation for a period of four years. Such disciplinary action was based, in part, upon Respondent's admitted diversion of Dilaudid and/or his abuse or excessive use of controlled substances and alcohol.
7. In paragraph 7 of the Charges, the Department alleges that the Consent Order required, in part, that Respondent shall not obtain or use controlled substances unless prescribed for a legitimate therapeutic purpose by a licensed health care professional; that Respondent shall submit to observed random urine screens for drugs and alcohol; and that if Respondent fails to submit to a urine sample when requested to do so by his monitor, such missed screen shall be deemed to be a positive screen.

8. In paragraph 8 of the Charges, the Department alleges that on or about March 1 and/or March 10, 2021, Respondent failed to submit a urine sample when requested to do so by his monitor.
9. In paragraph 9 of the Charges, the Department alleges that Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes violations of the terms of probation as set forth in the Consent Order, and subjects Respondent's license to revocation or other disciplinary action authorized by Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 19a-17 and 20-99(b).

III

Findings of Fact

Count One

1. Respondent, of Thomaston, Connecticut is, and has been at all times, as referenced in the Charges, the holder of Connecticut R.N. license number 143914. Tr. p. 9.
2. On or about February 25, 2021, Respondent abused and/or utilized heroin to excess. *Id.*
3. Respondent's abuse and/or excessive use of heroin does, and/or may, affect his practice as a nurse. *Id.*

Count Two

4. Paragraphs 1 through 5 are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
5. On November 18, 2020, the Board issued a Consent Order in Petition Number 2019-31("the Consent Order") that placed Respondent's nursing license on probation for a period of four years. Such disciplinary action was based, in part, upon Respondent's admitted diversion of Dilaudid and/or his abuse or excessive use of controlled substances and alcohol. Tr. p. 10.
6. The Consent Order requires, in part, all of the following: 1) that Respondent not obtain or use controlled substances, unless prescribed for a legitimate therapeutic purpose by a licensed health care professional; 2) that Respondent submit to observed random urine screens for drugs and alcohol; and 3) that Respondent submit to a urine sample when requested to do so by his monitor. The third requirement further specified that if Respondent fails to submit to a urine sample when requested to do so by his monitor, such missed screen shall be deemed to be a positive screen. *Id.*
7. On or about March 1 and/or March 10, 2021, Respondent failed to submit a urine sample when requested to do so by his monitor. Tr. p. 11.

8. On February 26, 2021 through March 29, 2021, Respondent was hospitalized for an accidental overdose of a controlled substance. Dept. Ex. 1, p. 3 (under seal).
9. Respondent was a credible witness.

IV

Discussion and Conclusions of Law

The Department bears the burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence in this matter. *Jones v. Connecticut Medical Examining Board*, 309 Conn. 727, 739-740 (2013).

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-99 provides, in pertinent part, that:

- (a) The Board . . . shall have jurisdiction to hear all charges of conduct which fails to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession brought against persons licensed to practice nursing. After holding a hearing . . . said board, if it finds such person to be guilty, may revoke or suspend his or her license or take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17. . . .
- (b) Conduct which fails to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession includes, but is not limited to, the following: . . . (5) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals; . . .

Respondent admitted to all of the allegations contained in the Charges. Tr. pp. 9-11. The Board finds that the Department sustained its burden of proof with respect to the allegations contained in the Charges. Findings of Fact (“FF”) 1-8.

The Department’s investigator and nurse consultant, Lavita Sookram, testified on behalf of the Department. Ms. Sookram testified, and Respondent admitted, that Respondent violated the terms of his probation when he used heroin, resulting in an accidental overdose of heroin and Respondent’s hospitalization for said accidental overdose of heroin from February 26, 2021 through March 29, 2021. Dept. Ex. 1, p. 3 (under seal).

Due to the Respondent’s hospitalization for an accidental overdose of heroin during the period of February 26, 2021 through March 29, 2021, Respondent could not submit to random urine screening on March 1, 2021 or March 10, 2021, when requested to do so by the Department. *Id.* Pursuant to the terms of the Consent Order, a missed screen is deemed a positive screen. Therefore, Respondent violated this provision of the Consent Order. Dept. Ex. 1, p. 10.

As previously discussed, in his testimony, Respondent admitted to all of the Charges. He also testified that he self-reported his relapse to the Department. Tr. p. 11. Respondent further testified that although his ultimate goal is to resume his nursing practice, he understands that he must achieve a period of stability and long-term recovery before his goal can be realized. Tr. pp. 12-13.

Respondent provided the Department with documentation regarding his recent negative urine screens, his participation in individual therapy, and substance abuse counseling, his renewed participation in a 12 step-program with a sponsor, as well as his current medical treatment, sober living arrangements, familial support, and an aftercare plan. Tr. pp. 3-4, 11-15, 17-21 (under seal). It is the opinion of the Board that Respondent should continue to focus on his treatment, recovery, and sobriety, without the stress of working in the nursing profession. Further, it is the opinion of the Board that at this time Respondent cannot safely practice nursing. Accordingly, following the hearing, the Board voted unanimously to revoke Respondent's license to practice nursing. In the opinion of the Board, reinstatement of Respondent's nursing license may be possible at an appropriate time in the future.

Order

Based on the record in this case, the above findings of fact, and conclusions of law, and pursuant to the authority vested in it by Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 19a-17(a)(1), (2), and (5) and 20-99(b)(5), the Board finds that the conduct alleged and proven in each count is severable and warrants the disciplinary action imposed by this Order. Therefore, the Board hereby orders, that Respondent's R.N. license number 143914 is **revoked**.

This Order is effective on the date it is signed by the Board.

The Board hereby informs Respondent, David Martin, and the Department of this decision.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut this _____ day of January 2022.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

By _____
Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair

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

Mercedes Miranda, L.P.N.
License No. 032828

Petition No. 2020-706

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

I

Procedural Background

On January 4, 2021, the Department of Public Health ("Department") filed a Statement of Charges ("Charges") with the Board of Examiners for Nursing ("Board"). Board ("Bd.") Exhibit ("Ex.")¹. The Charges allege violations of Chapter 378 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("Conn. Gen. Stat.") by Mercedes A. Miranda ("Respondent"), which would subject Respondent's license as a licensed practical nurse ("L.P.N.") to disciplinary action pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 19a-17 and 20-99(b).

On February 1, 2021, the Charges, and a Notice of Hearing ("Notice") were sent to Respondent's email address of record on file with the Department (Lily123jynx@gmail.com).¹ Bd. Ex. 3.

The hearing was held on April 21, 2021. Transcript ("Tr.") p. 1. Respondent failed to appear for the hearing and was not represented by an attorney. Tr. p. 3. Attorney Linda Fazzina represented the Department. Tr. p. 2. Given that Respondent did not file an Answer to the Charges, during the hearing Attorney Fazzina orally moved to deem the allegations admitted ("Motion"). Tr. pp. 5-6. The Board granted the Motion. Tr. pp. 5-6. The Board concluded, based upon the Governor's executive order², that Respondent had received reasonable and adequate notice. Tr. pp. 4-5.

Following the close of the record, the Board conducted fact finding.

Each member of the Board involved in this decision attests that he or she was present at the hearing or has reviewed the record, and that this decision is based entirely on the record, the law, and the Board's specialized professional knowledge in evaluating the evidence. *Pet v. Department of Health Services*, 228 Conn. 651 (1994).

¹ On May 27, 2020, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. 7B, Executive No. 7K, or Executive Order No. 7M, Conn. Agencies Regs. § 19a-9-18 was modified to permit delivery of notices of hearing to be sent solely by email and to deem such notice to be effective and sufficient if sent to the party's last known email address of record on file with the Department.

² See, fn. 1.

II

Allegations

1. In paragraph 1 of the Charges, the Department alleges that the Respondent is, and has been at all times referenced in the Charges, the holder of Connecticut licensed practical nurse license number 032828.
2. In paragraph 2 of the Charges, the Department alleges that in or about August 2018, Respondent was employed as a licensed practical nurse at The Summit at Plantsville in Plantsville, Connecticut (hereinafter “the Summit”).
3. In paragraph 3 of the Charges, the Department alleges that in or about August 2018, while working as a nurse at the Summit, Respondent diverted Flexeril tablet(s) for personal use.
4. In paragraph 4 of the Charges, the Department alleges that in or about August 2018, Respondent abused and/or utilized Flexeril to excess.
5. In paragraph 5 of the Charges, the Department alleges that in or about March 2019, Respondent abused and/or utilized alcohol to excess.
6. In paragraph 6 of the Charges, the Department alleges that in or about June 2019, Respondent abused and/or utilized Oxazepam to excess.
7. In paragraph 7 of the Charges, the Department alleges that Respondent’s abuse and/or excessive use of Flexeril, alcohol, and/or Oxazepam does, and/or may, affect her practice as a licensed practical nurse.
8. In paragraph 8 of the Charges, the Department alleges that the above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the Conn. Gen. Stat, §20-99, including but not limited to:
 - a. §20-99(b)(2); and/or
 - b. §20-99(b)(5).

III

Findings of Fact

1. In or around August 2018, Respondent diverted Flexeril tablet(s) for personal use. Department (“Dept.”) Ex. 1, pp. 2-3.
2. In or around March 2019, Respondent abused and/or utilized alcohol to excess. Dept. Ex. 1, p. 5 (under seal).
3. In or around June 2019, Respondent abused and/or utilized Oxazepam to excess. Dept. Ex. 1, p. 6 (under seal).

4. On January 4, 2021, the Department filed Charges with the Board. Bd. Ex. 1.
5. On February 1, 2021, the Charges and Notice were e-mailed to Respondent at lily123jynx@gmail.com. Lily123jynx@gmail.com is the Respondent's email address of record on file with the Department. Bd. Ex. 2.
6. The hearing was held on April 21, 2021. Respondent failed to appear for the hearing and was not represented by an attorney. Tr. p. 3. Respondent did not request a continuance.
7. The record is devoid of any evidence that the Charges and the Notice sent to Respondent's email address were not delivered.
8. The Department provided Respondent with reasonable and adequate written notice of the hearing and the allegations contained in the Charges. Bd. Ex. 2.
9. The factual allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 7 of the Charges are deemed admitted and true. Tr. pp. 5-6.

IV

Discussion and Conclusions of Law

The Department bears the burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence in this matter. *Jones v. Connecticut Medical Examining Board*, 309 Conn. 727, 739-740 (2013). The Department sustained its burden of proof for all the allegations contained in the Charges.

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-99 provides, in pertinent part, that:

(a) The Board . . . shall have jurisdiction to hear all charges of conduct which fails to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession brought against persons licensed to practice nursing. After holding a hearing . . . said board, if it finds such person to be guilty, may revoke or suspend his or her license or take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17. . . .

(b) Conduct which fails to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession includes, but is not limited to, the following: . . . (2) illegal conduct, incompetence, or negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions; . . . [and] (5) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics, or chemicals.

The Department sustained its burden of proof concerning the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 8 of the Charges. Respondent did not file an Answer to the Charges. Therefore, the Board deemed the allegations to be admitted and true. Conn. Agencies Regs. § 19a-9-20. Respondent was not present at the hearing to contest the allegations. Tr. p. 3.

The record establishes that in August 2018, Respondent resigned from the Summit after admitting to diverting nine Flexeril tablets for personal use. Dept. Ex. 1, pp. 2-3 (under seal). The Department sustained its burden of proof with respect to the allegations contained in paragraphs 2-4 of the Charges.

Shortly after Respondent's resignation from the Summit, Respondent obtained employment at Apple Rehab in Middletown. Dept. Ex. 1. p. 2 (under seal). In or around February 2019, Respondent was again accused of diverting medication, but the accusation lacked the necessary proof to support the claim. Dept. Ex. 1. p. 2 (under seal).

The record further establishes that in March 2019, Respondent abused and/or utilized alcohol to excess. On March 20, 2019 Respondent tested positive for alcohol and admitted alcohol ingestion. Dept. Ex. 1. p. 5 (under seal). Thus, the Department satisfied its burden of proof with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph 5 of the Charges.

The record further establishes that in June 2019, Respondent abused and/or utilized Oxazepam to excess. On June 7, 2019, Respondent took a urinalysis test and tested positive for Oxazepam. Respondent denied intentionally ingesting Oxazepam. Respondent claimed she thought a relative had provided her with an allergy medication. Dept. Ex. 1. p. 6 (under seal). Thus, the Department met its burden of proof with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the Charges.

Respondent's abuse and/or excessive use of Flexeril, alcohol, and/or Oxazepam does, and/or may, affect her practice as a L.P.N. Respondent's failure to maintain her sobriety (Dept. Ex. 1, pp. 1-10)(under seal) demonstrates that her substance abuse does and/or may affect her practice as a L.P.N. Thus, the Department met its burden of proof with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the Charges.

Thus, the Board concludes that Respondent's conduct, as alleged in paragraphs 1 through 7 of the Charges, is deemed to be admitted and true, and constitutes grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 20-99(b)(2), 20-99(b)(5) and 19a-17.

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Order

Based on the record in this case, the above findings of fact, and conclusions of law, the Board hereby orders that license number 032828 held by Mercedes A. Miranda to practice as a L.P.N. in the State of Connecticut is hereby revoked.

This Order becomes effective on the date of signature.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing hereby informs Respondent, Mercedes Miranda, and the Department of this decision.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut this _____ day of January 2022.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

By _____
Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair

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

Christopher Morahan, R.N.
License No. 123444

Petition No. 2020-1009

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

I

Procedural Background

On June 11, 2021, the Department of Public Health ("Department") filed a Statement of Charges ("Charges") with the Board of Examiners for Nursing ("Board"). The Charges allege violations of Chapter 378 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("Conn. Gen. Stat.") by Christopher Morahan ("Respondent") which would subject Respondent's registered nurse license number 123444 to disciplinary action pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 19a-17 and 20-99(b)(2), 20-99(b)(5), 20-99(b)(6), and/or 20-99(b)(7). Board ("Bd.") Exhibit ("Ex.") 1.

On June 11, 2021, the Department filed a Motion for Summary Suspension Order ("Summary Suspension Order") with the Board. Bd. Ex. 2. Based on the allegations in the Charges, the Board found that Respondent's continued nursing practice presented a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety. On June 16, 2021, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c), the Board ordered that Respondent's R.N. license be summarily suspended pending a final determination by the Board of the allegations contained in the Charges. Bd. Ex. 3.

On June 18, 2021, the Summary Suspension Order, Charges, and a Notice of Hearing ("Notice") were transmitted to Respondent's email address of record at cmmorahan@msn.com.¹ Bd. Ex. 4, 5. The Notice informed that a hearing had been scheduled for July 21, 2021.

The hearing was held on July 21, 2021, as scheduled. Respondent was neither present nor represented by counsel during the hearing. Transcript ("Tr.") p. 3. Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. *Id.*

¹ On May 27, 2020, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. 7B, Executive No. 7K, and Executive Order No. 7M, the Commissioner of the Department issued an Order modifying Conn. Agencies Regs. § 19a-9-18 to permit delivery of notices of hearing to be sent solely by email and to deem such notice to be effective and sufficient if sent to the party's last known email address of record on file with the Department.

At the hearing, the Department moved orally on the record to deem the allegations admitted. Tr. pp. 8-10.

Given that the record is devoid of any evidence that Respondent's email was not transmitted, the Board granted the Department's motion. Tr. pp. 9-10.

Following the close of the record, the Board conducted fact finding.

Each member of the Board involved in this decision attests that he or she was present at the hearing or has reviewed the record, and that this decision is based entirely on the record, the law, and the Board's specialized professional knowledge in evaluating the evidence. *Pet v. Department of Health Services*, 228 Conn. 651 (1994).

II

Allegations

1. In paragraph 1 of the Charges, the Department alleges that Respondent, of Danbury, Connecticut is, and has been at all times, as referenced in the Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license number 123444.
2. In paragraph 2 of the Charges, the Department alleges that on multiple occasions in November 2017, while Respondent was practicing nursing and providing home-care services for patients for Regional Hospice and Home Care of Western Connecticut in Danbury, Connecticut, Respondent:
 - a. Diverted tramadol and/or morphine from several patients and/or from medication stock for his personal consumption;
 - b. Failed to document medical records completely, properly and/or accurately; and/or;
 - c. Falsified one or more Controlled Substance Receipt Records ("CSRR").
3. In paragraph 3 of the Charges, the Department alleges that on multiple occasions in November and/or December 2017, Respondent abused or utilized tramadol, morphine, butalbital, oxazepam, opiates and/or temazepam ("controlled substances") to excess.
4. In paragraph 4 of the Charges, the Department alleges that on or about February 19, 2018, Respondent abused or utilized oxymorphone to excess.
5. In paragraph 5 of the Charges, the Department alleges that on or about September 26, 2018, Respondent abused or utilized morphine to excess.

6. In paragraph 6 of the Charges, the Department alleges that Respondent's abuse or excessive use of oxymorphone, morphine, and/or controlled substances does, and/or may, affect his ability to practice nursing.
7. In paragraph 7 of the Charges, the Department alleges that from approximately June 2020 through September 2020, Respondent submitted, or arranged to have submitted, falsified medical and/or employment records.
8. In paragraph 8 of the Charges, the Department alleges that the above-described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 20-99(b), including, but not limited to:
 - a. § 20-99(b)(2);
 - b. § 20-99(b)(5);
 - c. § 20-99(b)(6); and/or
 - d. § 20-99(b)(7).

III

Findings of Fact

1. On June 18, 2021, the Summary Suspension Order, Charges, and Notice were transmitted to Respondent's email address of record on file with the Department. The record is devoid of any evidence that the email was not delivered to Respondent. Respondent had reasonable and adequate written notice of the hearing and the allegations contained in the Charges. Bd. Ex. 4, 5.
2. Respondent did not appear at the hearing and was not represented by legal counsel. Tr. p. 3.
3. Respondent did not request a continuance.
4. The factual allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 7 of the Charges are deemed admitted and true. Tr. pp. 8-10.

IV

Discussion and Conclusions of Law

The Department bears the burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence in this matter. *Jones v. Connecticut Medical Examining Board*, 309 Conn. 727, 739-740 (2013). The Department sustained its burden of proof with regard to the allegations contained in the Charges.

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-99 provides, in pertinent part:

(a) The Board . . . shall have jurisdiction to hear all charges of conduct which fails to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession brought against persons licensed to practice nursing. After holding a hearing . . . said board, if it finds such person to be guilty, may revoke or suspend his or her license or take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17. . . .

(b) Conduct which fails to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession includes, but is not limited to, the following: . . . (2) illegal conduct, incompetence, or negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions; . . . (5) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol; (6) fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities; (7) wilful falsification of entries in any hospital, patient or other record pertaining to drugs, the results of which are detrimental to the health of a patient.

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 20-99(b), the Board is authorized to discipline the license of a nurse who fails to conform to the accepted standards of practice of the nursing profession. Failure to conform to the accepted standards of practice of the nursing profession includes, but is not limited to any or all of the following: illegal conduct, incompetence, or negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions,; abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities, and/or willful falsification of entries in any hospital, patient, or other record pertaining to drugs, the results of which are detrimental to the health of a patient.

Since Respondent did not file an Answer, the allegations are deemed admitted.
See, Conn. Agencies Regs. § 19a-9-20.

The Board concludes that the Department has established by a preponderance of the evidence that Respondent's diversion and/or abuse of controlled substances affects his ability to practice the nursing profession. Furthermore, Respondent's falsification of CSRR forms and/or employment records and his failure to document medical records completely, properly, and/or accurately adversely affects his practice of the nursing profession.

The record establishes that in November 2017, Respondent's employer suspected Respondent of diverting controlled substances from a patient's home. Department ("Dept.") Ex. 1, p. 2 (under seal). On November 29, 2017, Respondent tested positive for controlled substances for which he had no legitimate prescriptions. Subsequently, on December 6, 2017, Respondent's employment was terminated. Dept. Ex. 1, p. 1 (under seal).

The record further establishes that in February 2018, Respondent again tested positive for controlled substances for which he had no legitimate prescriptions. Dept. Ex. 1, p. 2 (under seal).

In March 2018, Respondent admitted in a written statement to the Drug Control Division of the Department of Consumer Protection that he had diverted controlled substances for his personal use. Dept. Ex. 3, p. 3.

In April 2018, Respondent began to engage in therapy and submit to random urine screening. Dept. Ex. 1, p. 2 (under seal). During this time, Respondent continued to visit patients in their homes. Despite his engagement in therapy, Respondent again tested positive for alcohol in March 2019, despite the fact that quarterly reports from Respondent's therapist during this time period indicated his progress was satisfactory. *Id.*

From January 2018 through November 2020, Respondent's random urine screens showed positive results on the following dates: February 19, 2018, August 20, 2018, September 26, 2018, and March 12, 2019. The record is devoid of any urine screen test results since November 4, 2020. Dept. Ex. 4, pp. 12-14 (under seal).

In October 2020, Respondent admitted that he had submitted practice liaison reports for June and September 2020 that were false and contained forged signatures of a co-worker who was not his practice liaison. Dept. Ex.1, p. 4 (under seal). Therefore, the Board concludes that Respondent's conduct, deemed admitted and true, is sufficient grounds on which to impose disciplinary action on Respondent's R.N. license pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 20-99(b)(2), 20-99(b)(5), 20-99(b)(6), 20-99(b)(7), and 19a-17.

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Order

Based on the record in this case, the above findings of fact, and conclusions of law, the Board hereby orders that Christopher Morahan's R.N. license, number 123444, is **revoked**.

This Order is effective on the date it is signed by the Board.

The Board hereby informs Respondent, Christopher Morahan, and the Department of this Decision.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this _____ day of January 2022.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

By _____
Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair

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

In re: Gustavo Mastarreno, RN

Petition No. 2020-783

CONSENT ORDER COVER SHEET

1. Gustavo Mastarreno ("respondent") of South Glastonbury, Connecticut graduated from Southern Connecticut State University and was granted a registered nursing license in 2004.
2. In September 2020, respondent's license was summarily suspended as a result of the incident which is the subject of this Consent Order. He has no other disciplinary history.
3. On various occasions in 2017, 2018 and 2019, respondent abused and/or utilized to excess alcohol.
4. In or about April 2019, respondent abused and/or utilized to excess alcohol and/or was impaired while practicing nursing at Bristol Hospital.
5. On or about April 29, 2020, respondent abused and/or utilized to excess alcohol.
6. On or about August 19, 2020, respondent failed to properly waste morphine and/or was impaired. sleeping and/or inattentive to patient care while practicing nursing at Yale New Haven Hospital.
7. The proposed Consent Order places his license on probation for four years with the following terms:
 - Urine screens weekly for the 1st and 4th years, twice monthly for the 2nd and 3rd years;
 - Therapy and employer reports monthly for the 1st and 4th years and quarterly for the 2nd and 3rd years;
 - Anonymous or support meetings;
 - No solo practice; and
 - Narcotic access restricted for one year.
8. The Department and respondent respectfully request the Board to accept the proposed Consent Order.

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This document and all attachments may contain information that is confidential or privileged. Please do not disseminate, distribute or copy the contents or discuss with parties who are not directly involved in this petition. Thank you.

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

In re: Gustavo Mastarreno, RN

Petition No. 2020-783

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Gustavo Mastarreno ("respondent") of South Glastonbury, Connecticut, has been issued registered nurse number 074170 by the Connecticut Department of Public Health ("the Department") pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 378, as amended.

WHEREAS, respondent admits:

1. On various occasions in 2017, 2018 and 2019, respondent abused and/or utilized to excess alcohol.
2. In or about April 2019, respondent abused and/or utilized to excess alcohol and/or was impaired while practicing nursing at Bristol Hospital.
3. On or about April 29, 2020, respondent abused and/or utilized to excess alcohol.
4. On or about August 19, 2020, respondent failed to properly waste morphine and/or was impaired. sleeping and/or inattentive to patient care while practicing nursing at Yale New Haven Hospital.
5. Respondent's abuse and/or excessive use of alcohol does, and/or may, affect his practice of nursing.
6. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §20-99 including but not limited to
 - a. §20-99(b)(2);
 - b. §20-99(b)(5); and/or
 - c. §20-99(b)(6).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above-admitted violations at a hearing before the Board of Examiners for Nursing ("the Board").

Respondent agrees that for the purpose of this or any future proceedings before the Board this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if ordered after a full hearing pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-9, 19a-10, and 20-99(a).

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-17 and 20-99(a), respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives respondent's right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent shall comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations applicable to respondent's profession.
3. Respondent's Connecticut registered nurse number 074170 is hereby placed on probation for four (4) years, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - A. At respondent's own expense, respondent shall engage in therapy and counseling with a Connecticut licensed therapist ("therapist") approved by the Department for the entire probationary period.
 - (1) Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to respondent's therapist.
 - (2) Respondent's therapist shall furnish written confirmation to the Department of his or her engagement in that capacity and receipt of a copy of this Consent Order within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this Consent Order.
 - (3) If respondent's therapist determines that therapy is no longer necessary, that a reduction in frequency of therapy is warranted, or that respondent should be transferred to another therapist, he or she shall advise the Department. Said

termination of therapy, reduction in frequency of therapy, and/or respondent's transfer to another therapist shall not occur until approved by the Department.

However, if therapy is terminated with approval of the Department, respondent's therapist shall continue to monitor his alcohol and drug free status by monitoring and reviewing the observed random urine screens for drugs and alcohol as described in paragraph B below, and by providing the reports described in paragraph C below.

- (4) The therapist shall immediately notify the Department in writing if respondent discontinues therapy and/or terminates services.
- B. Respondent shall not obtain or use controlled substances, legend drugs, marijuana, or alcohol in any form unless prescribed or recommended for a legitimate therapeutic purpose by a licensed health care professional authorized to prescribe medications. Respondent shall inform said health care professional of respondent's substance abuse history.
- (1) At respondent's own expense, respondent shall submit to observed random urine screens for drugs and alcohol, in accordance with Department Requirements for Drug and Alcohol Screens, attached hereto marked as ("Attachment 'A': Department Requirements for Drug and Alcohol Screens") at a testing facility approved by the Board, after consultation with the Department, as ordered by the therapist and/or personal physician. Laboratory reports of random alcohol and drug screens shall be submitted directly to the Department by the testing laboratory. All such observed random drug and alcohol screens shall be legally defensible in that the specimen donor and chain of custody can be identified

throughout the screening process. All laboratory reports shall indicate that the chain of custody procedure has been followed.

- (2) Respondent shall be responsible for notifying the laboratory, therapist, the Department, and respondent's prescribing practitioner of any drug(s) respondent is taking. For the prescription of a controlled substance(s) for more than two consecutive weeks, the respondent shall cause the provider prescribing the controlled substance(s) to submit quarterly reports to the Department, until such time as the controlled substance(s) are not prescribed by the provider, documenting the following:
 1. A list of controlled substances prescribed by this provider for the respondent;
 2. A list of controlled substance(s) prescribed by other providers;
 3. An evaluation of the respondent's need for the controlled substance;
 4. An assessment of the respondent's continued need for the controlled substance(s).
- (3) There must be at least one such observed random alcohol/drug screen and accompanying laboratory report every week for the first and fourth years of probation; and at least two such screens and reports every month for the second and third years of probation.
- (4) There must be at least two (2) random tests for Ethylglucuronide (EtG) and accompanying laboratory reports every month for the first and fourth years of probation and at least (1) such random test and report every month for the remainder of the probationary period.

- (5) All screens shall be negative for the presence of drugs, marijuana and alcohol.

Respondent agrees that an EtG test report of EtG at a level of 1000ng/mL or higher shall be deemed to constitute a positive screen for the presence of alcohol under this Consent Order. Respondent understands and agrees that if respondent fails to submit a urine sample when requested by respondent's monitor, such missed screen shall be deemed a positive screen.

- (6) All positive screen results shall be confirmed by gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer (GC/MS) testing.

- (7) Respondent is hereby advised that the ingestion of poppy seeds, mouthwash and over the counter cough or cold medicines or remedies has from time to time, been raised as a defense to a positive screen result for morphine, opiates and/or alcohol and as a defense of an EtG at 1000ng/mL or higher. For that reason, respondent agrees to refrain from ingesting poppy seeds in any food substances, mouthwash and over the counter cough or cold medicines or remedies during the term of this Consent Order. In the event respondent has a positive screen for morphine, opiates and/or alcohol or if respondent's test reports an EtG at 1000ng/mL or higher, respondent agrees that the ingestion of poppy seeds and/or mouthwash and/or over the counter cough or cold medicines or remedies shall not constitute a defense to such a screen.

- C. Respondent shall be responsible for the provision of written reports from respondent's therapist directly to the Department for the entire probationary period; monthly for the first and fourth years of probation; and, quarterly for the second and third years of probation. Such reports shall include documentation of

dates of treatment, an evaluation of respondent's progress in treatment and of respondent's drug and alcohol-free status as established by the observed random urine screens for drugs and alcohol, an evaluation of respondent's ability to practice nursing safely and competently, and copies of all laboratory reports. A report indicating that respondent is not able to practice nursing safely and competently shall be deemed to be a violation of this Consent Order.

- D. Notwithstanding the foregoing, respondent's therapist shall immediately report to the Department any confirmed positive alcohol, drug or marijuana screen and any conduct or condition on respondent's part which does or may violate any federal or state statute or regulation applicable to respondent's profession.
- E. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to all current and future employers for the duration of probation.
- F. Respondent shall not be employed as a nurse for a personnel provider service, assisted living services agency, homemaker-home health aide agency, or home health care agency, and shall not be self-employed as a nurse for the period of probation.
- G. Respondent shall not administer, count, or have access to narcotics or other controlled substances, or have responsibility for such activities while practicing nursing for the first year after returning to work as a nurse.
- H. Respondent shall be responsible for the provision of written reports directly to the Department from respondent's nursing supervisor (i.e., Director of Nursing) monthly for the first and fourth years of his probation; and quarterly for the second and third years of probation. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to any and all employers if employed as a nurse during the probationary period. The

Department shall be notified in writing by any employer(s) within fifteen (15) days of the commencement of employment as to the receipt of a copy of this Consent Order. Employer reports shall include documentation of respondent's ability to safely and competently practice nursing, and shall be issued to the Department at the address cited in paragraph N below. A report indicating that respondent is not practicing with reasonable skill and safety shall be deemed to be a violation of this Consent Order.

- I. During the entire probationary period, respondent shall attend "anonymous" or support group meetings at least ten times per month and provide quarterly reports to the Department concerning respondent's record of attendance.
- J. Respondent shall notify the Department in writing of any change of employment within fifteen (15) days of such change.
- K. Respondent shall notify the Department of any change in respondent's home or business address within fifteen (15) days of such change.
- L. If respondent pursues further training or is engaged at the time of the implementation of the Consent Order, in an educational program in any subject area that is regulated by the Department, respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to the educational institution or, if not an institution, to respondent's instructor. Such institution or instructor shall notify the Department of receipt of the Consent Order within fifteen (15) days of receipt.
- M. All reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department of Public Health.
- N. All correspondence and reports shall be addressed to:

Lavita Sookram, R.N., Nurse Consultant
Practitioner Compliance and Monitoring Unit
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR
P.O. Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

4. Any violation of the terms of this Consent Order without prior written approval by the Department shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek revocation of respondent's nursing license following notice and an opportunity to be heard. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
5. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department's right to act later. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
6. Legal notice of any action shall be deemed sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Department.
7. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the month in which this Consent Order is approved and accepted by the Board.
8. Respondent understands this Consent Order is a public record.
9. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order shall be deemed as evidence of the above-admitted violations in any proceeding before the Board in which (1) respondent's compliance with this same Consent Order is at issue, or (2) respondent's compliance with Connecticut General Statutes §20-99(b), as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

10. In the event respondent violates a term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a nurse, upon request by the Department, for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days. During that time, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation, and to submit to and complete a medical, psychiatric or psychological evaluation, if requested to do so by the Department; and, that the results of the evaluation shall be submitted directly to the Department. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said forty-five (45) day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall be considered by the Board and shall be given due weight by the Board in determining whether respondent's conduct constitutes a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§4-182(c) and 19a-17(c). The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether a summary suspension is ordered.
11. If, during the period of probation, respondent practices nursing outside Connecticut, respondent shall provide written notice to the Department concerning such practice. During such time period, respondent shall not be responsible for complying with the terms of probation of this Consent Order, and such time period shall not be counted in reducing the probationary period covered by this Consent Order. Respondent may comply with the terms of probation while practicing outside Connecticut if pre-approved by the Department. In the event respondent intends to return to the practice of nursing in Connecticut, respondent shall provide the Department with thirty (30) days prior written notice and agrees to comply with all terms and conditions contained in paragraph 3 above.

12. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license before the Board.
13. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification as a result of any claim that the terms contained herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards and respondent waives any right to seek reconsideration or modification of this Consent Order pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a without the express consent and agreement of the Department. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the execution of this document. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Chapters 54 and 368a provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any other rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
14. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. The Department and respondent agree that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Consent Order is approved or accepted. Respondent hereby waives any claim of error that could be raised that is related to or arises during the course of the Board's discussions regarding whether to approve or reject this Consent Order and/or a Board member's participation during this process, through the Board member's review or comments, including but not limited to bias or reliance

on evidence outside the administrative record if this matter proceeds to a hearing on a statement of charges resulting in a proposed decision and/or final decision by the Board.

15. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement, which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
16. Respondent consulted with his attorney prior to signing this Consent Order.
17. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the State's Attorney's Office where the allegation occurred or Bureau Chief of the applicable unit in the Chief State's Attorney's Office. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
18. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this consent order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof.

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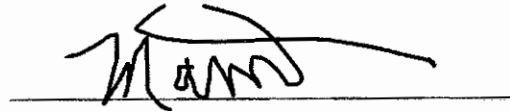
I, Gustavo Mastarreno, have read the above Consent Order, and I agree to the terms set forth therein.

I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.



Gustavo Mastarreno

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 2021.



Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt
Commr. of the Superior Court

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 14th day of December, 2021 is hereby ordered and accepted.



Christian D. Andresen, MPH, CPH. Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing on the _____ day of _____, 2022, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

BY: _____
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

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

In re: Michael Presnick, R.N.

Petition No. 2017-1071

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Michael Presnick:

1. Michael Presnick of Cromwell, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") was at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license number 106486. Said license number 106486 expired on June 30, 2018 and subsequently lapsed.
2. At all relevant times, respondent was employed as a Forensic Nurse at Whiting Forensic Hospital, located on the campus of Connecticut Valley Hospital in Middletown, Connecticut.
3. At various times between approximately February 27, 2017 and March 22, 2017, respondent failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. He physically abused and/or neglected Patient #1; and/or
 - b. he failed to intervene and/or report to his nursing supervisor when he observed staff members physically abusing and/or neglecting Patient #1 and/or failing to follow the plan of care for Patient #1; and/or
 - c. he failed to follow the plan of care for Patient #1 which required that he and another male staff member maintain constant observation of Patient #1.
4. The above-described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-99(b), including but not limited to §20-99(b)(2).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Board of Examiners for Nursing, as authorized in §§19a-17 and 20-99(b), revoke or order other disciplinary action against the registered nurse license of Michael Presnick as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 29th day of July 2021.



Christian D. Andresen, MPH, CPH, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing & Investigations Section
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

Michael Presnick, RN
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2230 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

VIA EMAIL whpaetzold@mpslawfirm.com)
and First Class Mail

RE: Michael Presnick, RN - Petition No. 2017-1071

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 9:00 AM on **December 15, 2021**. 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
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Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 16th day of September, 2021.

For the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

/s/ Jeffrey A. Kardys

Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist

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

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Notice for Submissions

The hearing in the matter of **Michael Presnick, RN** has been scheduled for **December 15, 2021** and will be conducted remotely through Microsoft Teams/teleconference.

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December 29, 2021

Michael Presnick, RN
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VIA EMAIL ONLY (whpaetzold@mpslawfirm.com)

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney
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Hartford, CT 06134-0308

VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: Michael Presnick, RN - Petition No. 2017-1071

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED HEARING

This notice is to inform you that the second day of hearing in the above-referenced matter is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 19, 2022.**

The hearing will be held remotely via Microsoft TEAMS during the meeting of the Board of Examiners for Nursing which begins at 8:30 a.m..

FOR: BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

BY: /s/ Jeffrey A. Kardys

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HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH

In re: Sara Croteau, L.P.N.

Petition No. 2021-739

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Sara Croteau:

1. Sara Croteau of Sandy Hook, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut Licensed Practical Nurse license number 025849.
2. At all relevant times, respondent was employed as a nurse at The Curtis Home in Meriden, Connecticut.
3. On or about July 18, 2021, while working as a nurse at The Curtis Home in Meriden, Connecticut, respondent:
 - a. diverted 30 tablets of oxycodone;
 - b. failed to completely, properly and/or accurately document medical or hospital records; and/or,
 - c. falsified one or more Controlled Substance Receipt Records.
4. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-99(b), including but not limited to:
 - a. §20-99(b)(2); and/or
 - b. §20-99(b)(6).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

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

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 21st day of October 2021.



Christian D. Andresen, MPH, CPH, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing & Investigations Section
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

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

In re: Sara Croteau, L.P.N.

Petition No. 2021-739

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

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

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 21st day of October 2021.



Christian D. Andresen, MPH, CPH, Section Chief
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

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BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

In re: Sara Croteau, LPN

Petition No. 2021-739

SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health having moved for an order of summary suspension in this matter and having submitted duly verified affidavits in support of its motion; and,

WHEREAS, said affidavits allege facts which show violations of §20-99(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, 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 §4-182(c) and §19a-17(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is hereby **ORDERED**, by vote of the Board of Examiners for Nursing:

1. That license number 025849 of Sarah Croteau to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby summarily suspended pending a final determination by the Board of Examiners for Nursing regarding the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges, and
2. That a hearing in this matter is scheduled for the 15th day of December 2021, at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Microsoft TEAMS.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut this 17th day of November, 2021.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., RN
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Via Email (sarah.croteau64@gmail.com)
and First Class Mail

RE: Sara Croteau, LPN - Petition No. 2021-739

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 9:00 AM on **December 15, 2021**. 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).

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Filing an Answer; Failure to File Answer:

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Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 18th day of November, 2021.

For the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

/s/ Jeffrey A. Kardys
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist

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

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January 4, 2022

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VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: Sara Croteau, LPN - Petition No. 2021-739

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED HEARING

This notice is to inform you that a hearing in the above-referenced matter is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 19, 2022.**

The hearing will be held remotely via Microsoft TEAMS during the meeting of the Board of Examiners for Nursing which begins at 8:30 a.m..

FOR: BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

/s/ *Jeffrey A. Kardys*

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

In Re: Sheryl Lacoursiere, APRN, RN

Petition No. 2021-1072
Petition No. 2021-1199

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Sheryl Lacoursiere:

COUNT ONE

1. Sheryl Lacoursiere of Waterbury, Connecticut ("respondent") holds Connecticut registered nurse license number E43134 and advanced practice registered nurse license number 003861.
2. On or about August 20, 2021, September 17, 2021, and/or October 15, 2021, respondent provided nursing services for patient number one and violated the standard of care in one or more of the following ways, including, but not limited to, that she:
 - a. fell asleep, was impaired, unavailable and/or unresponsive during patient care;
 - b. failed to appropriately treat patient number one;
 - c. failed to insure patient number one's privacy and/or confidentiality;
 - d. failed to comply with HIPAA requirements;
 - e. failed to maintain appropriate patient records; and/or,
 - f. engaged in inappropriate and/or unprofessional conduct.
3. On or about September 13, 2021 and/or October 12, 2021, respondent provided nursing services for patient number two and violated the standard of care in one or more of the following ways, including, but not limited to, that she:
 - a. fell asleep, was impaired, unavailable and/or unresponsive during patient care;
 - b. failed to appropriately treat patient number two;
 - c. improperly prescribed medications;
 - d. failed to insure patient number two's privacy and/or confidentiality;
 - e. failed to comply with HIPAA requirements;
 - f. failed to properly schedule follow-up appointment(s) and/or ongoing care;

- g. failed to maintain appropriate patient records and/or,
 - h. engaged in inappropriate and/or unprofessional conduct.
4. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §20-99 (b), including, but not necessarily limited to §20-99(b)(2).

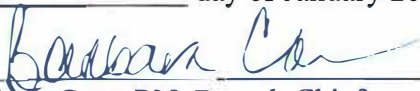
COUNT TWO

5. Paragraphs one through three are incorporated by reference as if set forth in full.
6. From approximately August 2021 through the present, respondent has or had one or more illnesses that does and/or may affect her ability to practice nursing.
7. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §20-99 (b), including, but not necessarily limited to:
- a. §20-99(b)(3); and/or
 - b. §20-99(b)(4).

THEREFORE, the Department prays:

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 respondent's nursing licenses as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 3rd day of January 2022.



Barbara Cass, RN, Branch Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

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

In Re: Sheryl Lacoursiere, APRN, RN

Petition No. 2021-1072

Petition No. 2021-1199

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Department of Public Health ("Department") moves, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §§4-182(c) and 19a-17(c), the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing to summarily suspend respondent's Connecticut registered nurse license number E43134 and advanced practice registered nurse license number 003861. This motion is based on the attached Statement of Charges, affidavits, records and the Department's information and belief that respondent's continued nursing practice represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 3rd day of January 2022.



Barbara Cass, RN, Branch Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section
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BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

In re: Sheryl Lacoursiere, APRN, RN

Petition Nos. 2021-1072; 2021-1199

SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER


WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health having moved for an order of summary suspension in this matter and having submitted duly verified affidavits in support of its motion; and,

WHEREAS, said affidavits allege facts which show violations of §20-99(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, 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 §4-182(c) and §19a-17(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is hereby **ORDERED**, by vote of the Board of Examiners for Nursing:

1. That registered nurse license number E43134 and advanced practice registered nurse license number 003861 of Sheryl Lacoursiere to practice in the State of Connecticut, are hereby summarily suspended pending a final determination by the Board of Examiners for Nursing regarding the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges, and
2. That a hearing in this matter is scheduled for the 19th day of January 2022, at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Microsoft TEAMS.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut this 5th day of January, 2022.



Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., RN, Chair
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VIA EMAIL (EllenC@delsoledelsole.com)

RE: Sheryl Lacoursiere, APRN, RN - Petition Nos. 2021-1072; 2021-1199

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 9:00 AM on **January 19, 2022**. 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).

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Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 5th day of January, 2022.

For the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

/s/ Jeffrey A. Kardys
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist

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

Notice for Submissions

The hearing in the matter of **Sheryl Lacoursiere, APRN, RN** has been scheduled for **January 19, 2022** and will be conducted remotely through Microsoft Teams/teleconference.

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BOARD 1

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

In re: Nicholas M. Lewonczyk, L.P.N.

Petition No. 2021-506

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Nicholas M. Lewonczyk, L.P.N.:

COUNT ONE

1. Nicholas M. Lewonczyk, L.P.N. of Stratford, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut license number 033506.
2. On or about April 21, 2021, the Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter the Board") issued a memorandum of decision in Petition No. 2017-50 (hereinafter the "Original MOD"), which was to go into effect that same date. Therein the Board found that respondent's emotional disorders and/or cannabis abuse and/or opioid dependence does, and/or may affect his practice and it placed respondent's license on probation for four years.
3. On or about May 3, 2021, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter the "Department") filed a Request for Reconsideration of Memorandum of Decision requesting a reconsideration of the disciplinary terms contained in the Original MOD. On May 19, 2021, upon the Department's motion, the Board voted to amend the Original MOD.
4. On or about September 15, 2021, the Board issued an amended memorandum of decision in Petition No. 2017-50 (hereinafter the "Amended MOD"), which was to go into effect that same date. Therein, the Board found that respondent's emotional disorders and/or cannabis abuse and/or opioid dependence does, and/or may affect his practice, but that respondent could practice with reasonable skill and safety under the terms of the Amended MOD; it reinstated respondent's license; it placed respondent's license on probation for four years; and it initially restricted respondent's use of the license allowing him to use it only for the purpose of taking a refresher program as further required under the Order.
5. The other conditions imposed under the Amended MOD included, in part, a.) pre-approval of respondent's employment by the Department; b.) employer reports monthly for years one, two and four, and quarterly for year three; c.) therapy and counseling for chemical dependency; d.) therapist reports monthly for years one and four, and quarterly for years two and three; e.) sponsorship and participation in AA/NA meetings at least ten times a month with written documentation of attendance; f.) observed random urine screens weekly for the first, second and fourth years of probation, and monthly during the third year of probation, with all such screens being negative for the presence of alcohol and drugs except prescribed drugs; g.) notice of, and

reporting of, the prescription of controlled substances for greater than two weeks; h.) successful completion of a Board approved L.P.N. refresher course with a clinical component, and passing of the practical nursing licensing examination offered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination (hereinafter "NCLEX") within 12 months; i.) after passing the NCLEX, respondent's license was to remain on probation for the remainder of the four-year probationary period under the other imposed conditions; and j.) any finding that respondent violated the Order was to subject respondent to sanctions under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 19a-17(a) and (c), including, but not limited to, the revocation of his license.

6. From on or about September 15, 2021 to the present, the Department has not received any of the information or documentation that was required to be submitted under the Amended MOD, and the Department has received no information or documentation evidencing respondent's compliance with any of the terms or conditions imposed under the Amended MOD.

7. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut §§ 19a-17 and 20-99, including, but not necessarily limited to:

- a. §19a-17(a),
- b. §19a-17(c),
- c. §20-99(b)(4), and
- d. §20-99(b)(5).

COUNT TWO

8. Paragraphs one through six of Count One are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

9. From on or about April 21, 2021 to the present, respondent has or had an emotional disorder and/or mental illness.

10. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 19a-17 and 20-99, including, but not necessarily limited to:

- a. §19a-17(a),
- b. §19a-17(c), and
- c. §20-99(b)(4).

11. For the foregoing reasons, the Department believes that respondent's continued practice as a registered nurse represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety.

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

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

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 20th day of December 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christian D. Andresen".

Christian D. Andresen, MPH, CPH, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

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

In re: Nicholas M. Lewonczyk, L.P.N.

Petition No. 2021-506

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") hereby moves, in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut §§4-182(c) and 19a-17(c), that the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing summarily suspend the license of Nicholas M. Lewonczyk, L.P.N. to practice licensed practical nursing in Connecticut. This motion is based on the attached Statement of Charges, Affidavits and on the Department's information and belief that the continued practice of licensed practical nursing represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 20th day of December 2021.



Christian D. Andresen, MPH, CPH, Section Chief
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

In re: Nicholas Lewonczyk, LPN

Petition No. 2021-506

SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

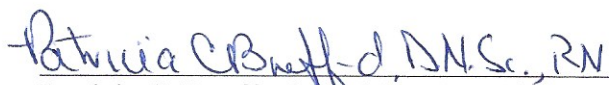
WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health having moved for an order of summary suspension in this matter and having submitted duly verified affidavits in support of its motion; and,

WHEREAS, said affidavits allege facts which show violations of §20-99(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, 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 §4-182(c) and §19a-17(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is hereby **ORDERED**, by vote of the Board of Examiners for Nursing:

1. That license number 033506 of Nicholas Lewonczyk to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby summarily suspended pending a final determination by the Board of Examiners for Nursing regarding the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges, and
2. That a hearing in this matter is scheduled for the 19th day of January 2022, at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Microsoft TEAMS.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut this 5th day of January, 2022.


Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., RN, Chair
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing



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VIA EMAIL (lewonczyks@aol.com)
and First Class Mail

RE: Nicholas Lewonczyk. LPN - Petition No. 2021-506

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 9:00 AM on **January 19, 2022**. 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).

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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.

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Order Re: Filings

In preparation for this hearing you must, no later than January 12, 2022, 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 5th day of January, 2022.

For the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

/s/ Jeffrey A. Kardys
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist

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

Notice for Submissions

The hearing in the matter of **Nicholas Lewonczyk, LPN** has been scheduled for **January 19, 2022** and will be conducted remotely through Microsoft Teams/teleconference.

On or before **January 12, 2021**, you must provide the following by electronic mail response to the Department of Public Health, Public Health Hearing Office at pgho.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.
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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.
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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.
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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 in proper attire, in proper surroundings, and remove any potential distractions.

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Licensed Practical Nurse

Credential # **11.033506**
Preferred Credential Name **Nicholas M. Lewonczyk,**
LPN
Application Date
Effective Date **05/01/2021**
Expiration Date **04/30/2022**
First Issuance Date **08/07/2008**

Credential Status **ACTIVE** (01/05/2022)
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH

In re: Sara Scobie, L.P.N.

Petition No. 2020-1086

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §19a-10 and §19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Sara Scobie:

1. Sara Scobie of Milford, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut licensed practical nurse license number 040280.
2. On or about November 8, 2020, while respondent was hospitalized, respondent tested positive for cocaine, barbiturates, marijuana and alcohol.
3. On or about November 8, 2020, respondent abused and/or used to excess cocaine, barbiturates, marijuana and/or alcohol.
4. Respondent's abuse and/or excess use of cocaine, barbiturates, marijuana and/or alcohol does, and/or may, affect her practice of nursing.
5. On or about October 2020, respondent was diagnosed with emotional disorders and/or mental illness.
6. Respondent's emotional disorders and/or mental illness does, and/or may, affect her practice of nursing.
7. The above-described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-99(b), including but not limited to §20-99(b)(4) and/or §20-99(b)(5).

WHEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing, as authorized in §§20-99(b) and 19a-17, revoke or order other disciplinary action against the licensed practical nurse nursing license of Sara Scobie as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 10th day of August 2021.



Christian D. Andresen, M.P.H., C.P.H., Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing & Investigations Section
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

BOARD 1

STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

Sara Scobie
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VIA EMAIL (saralynns86@aol.com)
and First Class Mail

RE: Sara Scobie, LPN - Petition No. 2020-1086

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 9:00 AM on **January 19, 2022**. 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).

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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.

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Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 27th day of September, 2021.

For the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

/s/ Jeffrey A. Kardys
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist

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

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Notice for Submissions

The hearing in the matter of **Sara Scobie, LPN** has been scheduled for **January 19, 2022** and will be conducted remotely through Microsoft Teams/teleconference.

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Licensed Practical Nurse

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

In re: Colleen Gallagher, LPN

Petition No. 2021-630

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 Colleen Gallagher:

1. Colleen Gallagher of Shallotte, North Carolina and/or formerly of Stratford, Connecticut ("respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut licensed practical nurse license number 027133.
2. On or about May 19, 2021, the Board of Examiners for Nursing ("the Board") ordered a Memorandum of Decision in Petition Number 2020-76 ("the Decision") that placed respondent's nursing license on probation for a period of four years. Such disciplinary action was based, in part, upon respondent's abuse or excess use of methadone or marijuana.
3. The Decision specifically provided, in part, that respondent engage in therapy and counseling for chemical dependency with a licensed or certified therapist, approved by the Department; that respondent cause her therapist to provide monthly reports to the Department during the first year of her probation; that respondent submit to observed, random chain of custody urine screens for alcohol and drugs during the entire probationary period, at a testing facility approved by the Department; and that respondent submit to at least one such urine screen on a weekly basis during the first year of her probation and have laboratory reports of random alcohol and drug screens submitted directly to the Department.
4. Respondent has failed to:
 - (a) engage in therapy and counseling for chemical dependency;
 - (b) cause her therapist to provide monthly reports to the Department;
 - (c) engage the services of a screening monitor;
 - (d) submit to observed, random chain of custody urine screens for alcohol and drugs; and/or
 - (e) cause to have laboratory reports of urine screens for alcohol and drugs submitted directly to the Department.

5. Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes violations of the terms of probation as set forth in the Decision, and subjects respondent's license to revocation or other disciplinary action authorized by Connecticut General Statutes, §§19a-17 and 20-99(b).

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 license of Colleen Gallagher as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 9th day of August, 2021.



Christian D. Andresen, MPH, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH

In re: Colleen Gallagher, LPN

Petition No. 2021-630

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

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

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 9th day of August, 2021.



Christian D. Andresen, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



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Acting Commissioner

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Governor
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BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

In re: Colleen Gallagher, LPN

Petition No. 2021-630

SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

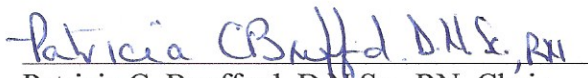
WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health having moved for an order of summary suspension in this matter and having submitted duly verified affidavits in support of its motion; and,

WHEREAS, said affidavits allege facts which show violations of §20-99(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, 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 §4-182(c) and §19a-17(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is hereby **ORDERED**, by vote of the Board of Examiners for Nursing:

1. That license number 027133 of Colleen Gallagher to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby summarily suspended pending a final determination by the Board of Examiners for Nursing regarding the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges, and
2. That a hearing in this matter is scheduled for the 15th day of September 2021, at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Microsoft TEAMS.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut this 11th day of August, 2021.


Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., RN, Chair
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing



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VIA EMAIL (gallaghercolleen1971@icloud.com)
and First Class Mail

RE: Colleen Gallagher, LPN - Petition No. 2021-630

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 9:00 AM on **September 15, 2021**. 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 July 28 2021, 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 12th day of August, 2021.

For the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

/s/ Jeffrey A. Kardys

Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist

c: Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations
Linda Fzzina, 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 **Colleen Gallagher, LPN** has been scheduled for **September 15, 2021** and will be conducted remotely through Microsoft Teams/teleconference.

On or before **September 1, 2021**, you must provide the following by electronic mail response to the hearing office at 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.
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: a copy of a government-issued photo identification of the parties and witnesses.
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 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. Our office will contact you again 3 to 5 calendar days prior to the hearing to provide you with any further instructions and a Microsoft Teams link / phone number and code to enter the hearing.

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September 29, 2021

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NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED HEARING

The hearing in the referenced matter is rescheduled to **Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.**

The hearing will be held by video conference during the meeting of the Board of Examiners for Nursing.

The summary suspension ordered on August 11, 2021 remains in effect.

FOR: BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

BY: /s/ Jeffrey A. Kardys

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On or before **January 5, 2022**, you must provide the following by electronic mail response to the hearing office at poho.dph@ct.gov

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