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

In re: Melonie J. Daley, R.N. Petition No. 2023-135

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Melonie J. Daley, R.N.:

- 1. Melonie J. Daley, R.N., of Bronx, New York (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been since April 24, 2018, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license number 149935.
- 2. On or about June 4, 2015, the State of Hawaii issued a registered nurse license to the respondent based on examination and on respondent's purported completion of a registered nurse program at the Med-Life Institute (hereinafter the "Med-Life").
- 3. On or about August 7, 2015, the State of New York issued a registered nurse license to the respondent based on endorsement.
- 4. On or about April 24, 2018, the Department issued registered nurse license number 149935 to the respondent based on endorsement.
- 5. On or about November 14, 2018, the State of New Jersey issued a registered nurse license to the respondent based on endorsement.
- 6. On or about September 2, 2022, the Department received information from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General evidencing the fact that the respondent has not completed the required program hours and clinical training necessary to obtain either a practical nursing diploma and transcript or a nursing associate in science degree and transcript.
- 7. On or about February 13, 2023, the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (hereinafter the "NJ Board") issued an order rescinding respondent's New Jersey registered nurse license (hereinafter "NJ RN license") based, in part, on findings by the NJ Board that, on her application for her NJ RN license respondent asserted that she graduated from Med-Life on February 2, 2015; that respondent was granted her NJ RN license based upon false and illegitimate educational background material, including nursing diplomas and transcripts; and that Respondent did not complete a course in nursing study at an accredited school of nursing.

- 8. Respondent's licensure as a registered nurse in the States of Hawaii, New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey resulted from the provision of inaccurate information and documentation to the licensing authorities in those states leading those authorities to conclude that respondent has completed the required program hours and/or clinical training required to complete and/or graduate from a prelicensure nursing program when, in fact, she has not.
- 9. The above cited facts evidence conduct of the respondent that fails to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession and they 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), c. §19a-17(f), c. §20-99(b)(1), and d. §20-99(b)(6).
- 10. 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 Connecticut General Statutes, §§ 20-99(b) and 19a-17, summarily suspend respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse until a full hearing on the merits can be held, and that it revoke, or order other disciplinary action against, the registered nurse license of Melonie J. Daley, R.N. as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this ______ 3rd ____ day of __October _____ 2023.

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

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MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Department of Public Health (hereinafter "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 Melonie J. Daley, R.N. to practice as a registered nurse in Connecticut. This motion is based on the attached Statement of Charges, and on the attached sworn and notarized Investigative Report, and on the Department's information and belief that the respondent's continued practice as a registered nurse represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 3rd day of October 2023.

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

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SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health having moved for an order of summary suspension in this matter, and having submitted a sworn and notarized Investigative Report in support of its motion; and

WHEREAS, said Investigative Report alleges facts which show violations of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-99 (b)(1) and (6); and which constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-17 (a), (c), and (f); 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 (hereinafter "the Board"):

- 1. That license number 149935 of Melonie J. Daley to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby summarily suspended pending a final determination by the Board regarding the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges, and
- 2. That said license shall be immediately surrendered to the Department of Public Health Hearing Office, 410 Capitol Avenue, MS#13PHO, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308 upon notification of this Order, and
- 3. That a hearing in this matter is scheduled for the 1st of November 2023, at 8:30AM Via Microsoft Teams.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 18th day of October 2023.

Patricia Bouffard, R.N., Chairperson Board of Examiners for Nursing

STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

Melonie J. Daley, RN 4422 Baychester Avenue Bronx, NY 10466-1102 VIA EMAIL (mel_d2@icloud.com) Certified Mail 7005 2570 0001 4943 3150

RE: Melonie J. Daley - Petition No. 2023-135

NOTICE OF HEARING

By authority of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Section 4-177, you are hereby notified to appear before the Board of Examiners for Nursing for a hearing on the attached Charges against you at 8:30 AM on November 1, 2023. The hearing will be held by video conference during the meeting of the Board of Examiners for Nursing. The link to connect to the hearing will be provided by email 3-5 days prior to the hearing.

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

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

Filing an Answer; Failure to File Answer:

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

Representation by an Attorney:

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

Documents:

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

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

The following information shall be redacted.

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

Order Re: Filings

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

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

Failure to Appear:

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

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

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 19th day of October 2023.

For the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

/s/ Tyra Anne Peluso
Tyra Anne Peluso, Administrative Hearings Specialist

c: Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Craig Sullivan, 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.

RE:

Notice for Submissions

The hearing in the matter of Melonie J. Daley, RN has been scheduled for <u>November 1, 2023</u>, and will be conducted remotely through Microsoft Teams/teleconference.

On or before October 27, 2023, you must provide the following by electronic mail response to the Department of Public Health, Public Health Hearing Office at phho.dph@ct.gov.

- 1. <u>Electronically Pre-filed exhibits</u> Exhibits should be pre-marked for identification (i.e., Department exhibit 1, Respondent exhibit A), page numbered, **and properly redacted for any personally identifiable information.** Parties and/or counsel should stipulate to any exhibits and facts not in dispute and provide any objections to proposed exhibits. All exhibits also must be sent to the opposing party or counsel.
- 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. <u>Photo Identification</u>: Self-represented parties should provide a copy of a government-issued photo identification for yourself and any witnesses you expect to call. Photo identification is *not* required for parties represented by counsel, or witnesses called to testify for parties represented by counsel.
- 4. <u>Electronic Mail ("e-mail") addresses</u> for parties, counsel, and witnesses. All e-mail addresses must be current and able to receive all notices relating to this matter.
- 5. <u>Cellphone numbers</u> 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. <u>A statement whether executive session may be required</u> to receive testimony containing personal protected information, and if so, what that information may be (treatment records, patient records, therapy reports). Parties or counsel should identify any witnesses listed in response to #2 above who may provide testimony relating to personal protected information requiring executive session.
- 7. A statement whether an interpreter will be needed for the proceeding.

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

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

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

Should you have any question please contact the hearing office at phho.dph@ct.gov.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Manisha Juthani, MD Commissioner



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BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

November 2, 2023

Melonie J. Daley, RN 4422 Baychester Avenue Bronx, NY 10466-1102

Craig Sullivan, Staff Attorney Department of Public Health 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12LEG PO Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134-0308 VIA EMAIL ONLY: (mel_d2@icloud.com)

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RE: Melonie J. Daley - Petition No. 2023-135

RULING ON REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

The Respondent requested a continuance during the November 1, 2023 hearing in the above referenced matter, with no objection by the Department. The motion is **GRANTED**, and the hearing is rescheduled to **Wednesday**, **November 15**, **2023**, **at 8:30 am**. The hearing will be held by video conference during the meeting of the Board of Examiners for Nursing.

In preparation for this hearing, you must, no later than November 8, 2023, provide the information specified in the attached Notice for Submissions.

The Summary Suspension of respondent's registered nurse license remains in effect.

FOR: BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

BY: /s/ Tyra Anne Peluso

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Notice for Submissions

The hearing in the matter of: **Melonie J. Daley** has been rescheduled to **November 15**, **2023**, and will be conducted remotely through Microsoft Teams / teleconference.

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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.

Should you have any question please contact the hearing office at phho.dph@ct.gov.

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