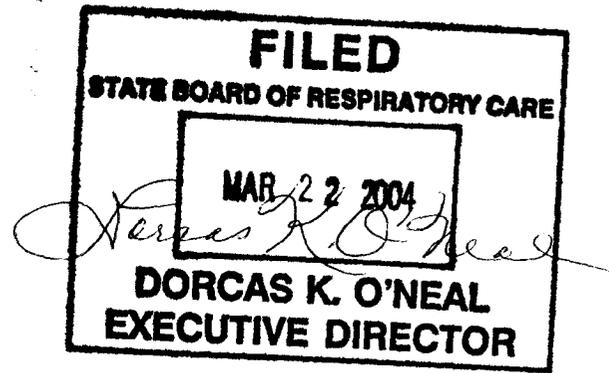


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF:

VIRGINIA STEVENSON, RT
LICENSE NO. 43200318600

FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE
TO PRACTICE RESPIRATORY CARE
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care upon receipt of a petition for reinstatement of the license surrendered by Virginia Stevenson effective October 1, 2003 because of substance abuse. The Board considered the testimony of Ms. Stevenson on March 2, 2004, when she was accompanied by Reverend Edward Reading of the Physicians Health Program. The Board found that despite having acknowledged abusing controlled dangerous substances in the past, respondent has now demonstrated sufficient rehabilitation, fitness and ability to practice respiratory care, that she has not engaged in the practice of respiratory care while the license was surrendered, that the Physicians Health Program supports reinstatement of her license at this time and that she is willing to comply with the conditions set forth in this Order.

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter, and the Board finding that the within Consent Order is adequately protective of the public interest;

IT IS ON THIS 19 DAY OF March, 2004,

ORDERED:

1. That the license of Virginia Stevenson to practice respiratory care in the State of New Jersey shall be reinstated immediately on the following conditions:

A. Respondent's license shall be on probation for a period of four and one-half (4 1/2) years from her re-entry into practice in New Jersey.

B. Respondent shall participate in the Physicians Health Program (PHP) for a minimum of four and half (4 1/2) years from the date of this Order. Such participation shall include:

i. Documented attendance at a minimum of 3 A.A./ N.A. (12-step) meetings per week for a minimum of one (1) year and continuing until reduced or eliminated by further order of the Board.

ii. Directly witnessed random urine monitoring to include screens for frequently abused drugs to be conducted by and under the procedures of the Physicians Health Program at a minimum of once per week for eighteen (18) months; then at a minimum of once every 3 months for a minimum of three years (3) and continuing until reduced or eliminated by further order of the Board.

iii. Respondent shall make herself available for the testing outlined in paragraph ii above upon advance telephone notice. The Physicians Health Program shall make every effort, when practical, to provide Respondent with 24 hours notice of testing, but failure to meet this condition shall not be grounds for refusal to submit to urine testing.

iv. Respondent shall attend monthly face-to-face meetings with the Physicians Health Program for the first year of this order, and then at a frequency to be determined by the Medical Director of the Physicians Health Program.

v. Respondent shall not consume or administer to herself any mood altering chemicals or controlled substances unless such medication is prescribed by a treating physician who has been informed of the chemical dependency history and prescribes for a legitimate medical purpose. If any controlled dangerous substance is taken upon prescription from a physician, Respondent shall notify the Physicians Health Program of that fact before the next urine sample is submitted, and shall cause any treating physician to transmit his or her medical record to the Physicians Health Program and the Board Office.

vi. Respondent shall become familiar with all foods, food additives or other products (such as poppy seeds) which may affect the validity of urine screenings, be presumed to possess that knowledge, and shall refrain from the use of

such substances. Respondent specifically agrees that ingestion of such substances shall not be an acceptable reason for a positive urine screen and/or failure to comply with the urine monitoring program.

vii. Respondent shall be responsible to ensure that the Physicians Health Program shall supply reports every ninety (90) days beginning on the "filed" date of this Order to the Board regarding her progress with the monitoring program and at work.

viii. Respondent shall obtain the agreement of the Physicians Health Program via a signature of its representative on this Order to notify the Board within 24 hours of its receipt of information of any slip or relapse of impairment, including but not limited to any positive urine screen or failure to appear for urine monitoring or any scheduled appointment or any discontinuance of the Physicians Health Program rehabilitation program whether initiated by Virginia Stevenson or by the Physicians Health Program.

ix. Virginia Stevenson expressly waives any claim to privilege or confidentiality that she may have concerning reports and disclosures to the Board, and use by the Board of that information in license proceedings regarding respondent, by the urine monitoring program, the Physicians Health Program, AA/NA, 12 step, or any other entity involved in her rehabilitation program.

x. Respondent shall notify a responsible official (approved in advance by the Physicians Health Program), at her place of employment, at each and every facility at which she plans to practice respiratory care, that she has entered this Order. Such individual shall be in contact with respondent on a daily basis at work and Virginia Stevenson by her signature on this document authorizes each such individual to submit to the Physicians Health Program quarterly reports and to notify the Board and the Physicians Health Program immediately (within 24 hours) orally and in writing, at the Physicians Health Program and at the Board office at 973-504-6409 and at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101, of any behavior or conduct suggestive of substance abuse or behavior indicative of violation of the laws regarding controlled substances or in violation of this Order. Respondent shall provide the Board with the identity, address and qualifications of the individual to whom she has provided the notice required by this paragraph. She shall provide a copy of this Order to that designated member of the staff of her employer.

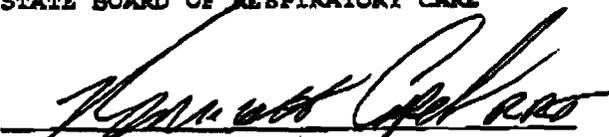
xi. All costs associated with the Physicians Health Program urine monitoring and employment monitoring program outlined above shall be the responsibility of, and paid directly by Virginia Stevenson.

2. Respondent hereby consents to the entry of an Order of automatic suspension of license without notice, upon the Board's receipt of any information which the Board in its sole discretion deems reliable that respondent has failed to comply with any of the conditions set forth above, any other provision of this Order, or any report of a confirmed positive urine, or a prima facie showing of a relapse or recurrence of drug abuse.

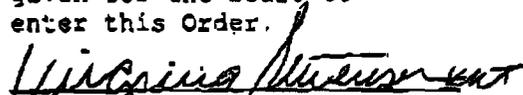
3. Respondent shall have the right to apply for removal of the automatic suspension on five (5) days notice but in such event shall be limited to a showing that the urine tested was not hers or was a false positive in the case of urine testing, or that other information submitted was false.

4. This Order is effective upon its filing with the Board of Respiratory Care.

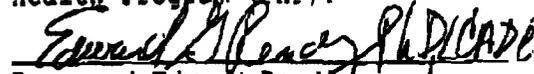
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By: 
 Kenneth Capek, President

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by the terms therein. Consent is hereby given for the Board to enter this Order.


 Virginia Stevenson, RT

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to comply with the terms which relate to the Physicians Health Program (PHP).


 Reverend Edward Reading
 Physicians Health Program