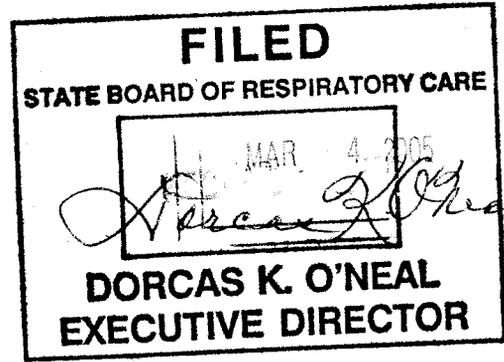


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE : Administrative Action
THE LICENSE OF :
: **CONSENT ORDER**
:
RICHARD KRAUSZER, R.T. :
License No. ZA03427 :
:
TO PRACTICE RESPIRATORY CARE :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care ("the Board") upon notice from respondent's former employer, Voorhees Pediatric Facility ("Voorhees"), in which it advised the Board that it had received a report on October 29, 2003 that respondent allegedly had engaged in an inappropriate conversation with a minor female patient. Louis E. Baxter, M.D. of the Physicians' Health Program ("PHP") referred respondent to Richard A. Leedes, Ph.D., CSAT, for an evaluation.

After review of the matter, including respondent's

testimony before the Board and two reports from Dr. Leedes, the Board considered the issue of whether respondent inappropriately crossed boundaries in his care of two female patients. First, the Board found that respondent had violated the terms of the August 12, 2002 Consent Order that respondent contact and inform a responsible official at his future places of employment, approved in advance by the Board, that the official was to serve as a mentor to respondent in the work environment. The Board considered Dr. Leedes' assessment that respondent does not pose any risk to the patient population but might benefit from some counseling or psychotherapy concerning setting boundaries in the workplace.

The Board, having considered the aforesaid information, and the parties, being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of further formal proceedings, respondent having waived any right to further proceedings in this matter, and the Board finding that the within Consent Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and that good cause exists for its entry;

IT IS ON THIS *4th* DAY OF *March*, 200*2*, *ALC*

ORDERED that the August 12, 2002 Consent Order concerning respondent, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, remains in effect until further notice; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent is hereby reprimanded for violating the provision in the August 12, 2002 Consent Order that

he contact and inform a responsible official at his future places of employment, approved in advance by the Board, that he had entered into the August 12, 2002 Consent Order and that the official serve as a mentor to respondent in the work environment; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent Richard Krauszer may continue to hold a license to practice respiratory care in the State of New Jersey on the following conditions:

a. A minimum of twice per month, at respondent's expense, respondent shall undergo a course of psychotherapy with Richard A. Leedes, Ph.D., CSAT, or his successor, approved in advance by the Board, concerning setting and maintaining appropriate boundaries in the workplace. Respondent shall remain in therapy with Dr. Leedes or his successor for a minimum of six months, and thereafter, until such time as Dr. Leedes or any successor determines that such therapy is no longer required and reports the termination of therapy to the Board.

b. Respondent shall make his best efforts to ensure that Dr. Leedes or his successor submits reports of respondent's progress every three months, the first such report due ninety (90) days from entry of this Order, to the Board regarding respondent's progress, including, but not limited to: stating the nature of respondent's participation and progress in counseling, therapy and treatment; stating whether respondent is complying with his

recommended treatment plan and whether respondent regularly appears for any scheduled appointments; and an assessment of respondent's continued need for counseling, therapy and/or treatment. An immediate (within 24 hours) report, both orally and in writing, shall be made by Dr. Leedes or his successor to the Board if respondent is not complying with his recommended treatment plan or counseling schedule; if respondent fails to appear for any scheduled appointment; or any unilateral discontinuance of treatment, whether initiated by respondent or by Dr. Leedes or his successor; or any information which in Dr. Leedes' or his successor's reasonable judgment affects respondent's capacity to discharge the functions required under his license.

c. Respondent hereby authorizes Dr. Leedes or his successor to provide the reports described above to the Board. Respondent expressly waives any claim to privilege or confidentiality that he may have concerning the above-outlined reports and disclosures by Dr. Leedes or his successor to the Board. Respondent consents to the use of that information by the Board in connection with any proceedings regarding his licensure.

d. Respondent shall notify the responsible official designated in paragraph 1.g. in the August 12, 2002 Consent Order ("Responsible Employment Official") at each and every facility at which he practices that he has entered into this Order, and the Responsible Employment Official is to receive copies of this Order

and all prior orders concerning respondent.

e. Respondent shall make his best efforts to ensure that the Responsible Employment Official shall supply quarterly reports to the Board, the first such report due ninety days after the first day of employment, and then every three months thereafter until further order of the Board. An immediate (within 24 hours) report, both orally and in writing, shall be made by the Responsible Employment Official to the Board if the Responsible Employment Official perceives any issue that affects respondent's capacity to discharge the functions required under his license.

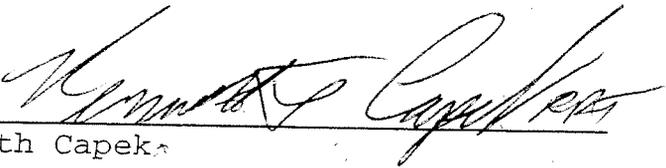
f. Respondent hereby authorizes the Responsible Employment Official to provide the reports described above to the Board. Respondent expressly waives any claim to privilege or confidentiality that he may have concerning the above-outlined reports and disclosures by the Responsible Employment Official. Respondent consents to the use of that information by the Board in connection with any proceedings regarding his licensure.

g. Respondent hereby consents to the entry of an Order of automatic suspension of license, if he does not request a hearing within five (5) business days of notice by the Board upon respondent of the Board's receipt of any information which the Board in its sole discretion deems reliable that respondent has materially failed to comply with any of the conditions set forth above. If a hearing is requested, respondent consents to an

opportunity to be heard on no less than two days notice before the Board or a Committee of the Board.

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

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

By: 
Kenneth Capeka
Chairman

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.


Richard Krauszer, R.T.
Respondent

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to comply with the terms which

relate to counseling and reporting requirements.

Richard A. Leedes

Richard A. Leedes, Ph.D., CSAT

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to comply with the terms which relate to the Responsible Employment Official.

Senya Goodrich APRN, BC (Signature)

Senya Goodrich APRN, BC (Printed Name and Title of Responsible Employment Official)