

Respondent appeared with legal counsel and testified before the Board on April 22, 2009 in support of her application for reinstatement of her license to practice pharmacy.

Respondent explained that she engaged in improper and unauthorized dispensing practices by obtaining Lorazepam from the Kimball Medical Center in August 2005 and administered it to her foster/stepson solely to save his life as he was suffering from a severe heroine addiction and numerous previous detoxification attempts had proved unsuccessful due to inadequacies of emergency room treatment, the closure of several detoxification programs in which he enrolled, and his lack of health insurance. Therefore, Respondent administered the Lorezapam to her stepson in what she considered a life threatening situation. The treatment was successful and her stepson remains, until this time, rehabilitated. Respondent has expressed remorse for her unlawful and unprofessional conduct which she says was a "last resort" in an effort to save her stepson.

It appears that Respondent has complied with the requirements of the 2005 Board Order including completion of the required continuing education credits for biennial periods 2003-2005, 2005-2007 and 2007-2009. Respondent is currently a Certified Pet Therapist and takes pets to nursing homes to interact with residents. She is working part time as a client service representative for a Veterinary Hospital. Upon reinstatement of her license to practice pharmacy, Respondent

indicated that she was not sure, but may do medical writing and investigational drug protocols for animals.

Respondent wishes to resolve this matter without the necessity of further formal proceedings. The Board finds the within Order sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare and for good cause shown;

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 13th day of MAY, 2009,
ORDERED AND AGREED:**

1. Respondent's license to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey is hereby suspended for a period of three (3) years retroactive to December 5, 2005, the effective date of the Consent Order of voluntary surrender of her licensure, with the suspension terminating on December 5, 2008.

2. Respondent's license to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey shall be reinstated following her provision to the Executive Director of the Board of proof of successful completion of all application requirements including a Criminal History Background Check with results satisfactory to the Board, and payment of all reinstatement fees.

3. Upon reinstatement, Respondent's license shall be subject to the following limitation for one (1) year from the date of reinstatement:

a. Respondent shall not act as a preceptor or a pharmacist-in-charge (RPIC) at any pharmacy and shall not own or have an ownership interest in any pharmacy.

b. A copy of this Order shall be provided to all employers where a pharmacy license is required for employment or where the Respondent has access to medication, prescriptions or patient profiles. The Respondent shall ensure that each employer notifies the Board in writing that he or she has received this Order prior to respondent beginning employment.

c. The Respondent shall inform the Board in writing of any employment changes, including periods of unemployment, and shall also provide a detailed description of her job, role and responsibilities.

4. Respondent shall comply with all statutes, regulations, and professional standards applicable to the practice of pharmacy.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: Edward G. McGinley
Edward G. McGinley, R.Ph.
Board President

I have read the within Order and understand it. I agree to be bound by its terms and hereby consent to it being entered by the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy.

Catherine L. Hansen, R.Ph.
Catherine L. Hansen, R.Ph.
Respondent

Consent as to form and entry

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