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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF :
: Administrative Action
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CRYSTAL ANN HANSCOM, R.P. : CONSENT ORDER
License No. 28RI02966100 :
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TO PRACTICE PHARMACY :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy (Board) upon receipt of information that Crystal Hanscom (Respondent), while employed at Rite Aid Pharmacy in Cinnaminson, New Jersey, wrote and filled prescriptions for CDS without a physician's authorization. On August 16, 2010, Respondent plead guilty in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Salem County, to one (1) count of Possession With Intent to Distribute in the third degree in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10.5A(3). On September 24, 2010, Respondent was sentenced to a one year period of probation and mandatory penalties and fees. At this time, Respondent has paid restitution in full to Rite Aid.

Respondent provided a narrative summary of the events, dated March 1, 2010, in which she admitted to having dispensed a total of 360 tablets of Suboxone beginning in August 2009 without prescriber authorization. Respondent explained that her fiancée harassed her at work and coerced her to write a prescription for Suboxone and dispense the medication to him. Thereafter, Respondent was coerced to forge three more such prescriptions for Suboxone for which she used the "price modify" function on the cash register in order to reduce the cost of the medication to zero. In total, Respondent filled four prescriptions for a total of 360 tablets with a total cost of \$1,014. Respondent stated that her actions were the result of threats and coercion by her former fiancée from whom she is now estranged. Respondent expressed remorse for her actions and by correspondence from her attorney dated November 9, 2010, stated that she has not practiced as a pharmacist beginning at the time this incident occurred.

Respondent's actions provide grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (b), (e) and (f) in that Respondent has engaged in the use of dishonesty, fraud, deception and misrepresentation, has engaged in professional misconduct, and has been convicted of a crime or offense relating adversely to the activity regulated by the Board

Respondent, being desirous of resolving this matter without

the necessity of further formal proceedings, and agreeing to waive any right to same and the Board having determined that this Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and all parties agreeing to the terms of this Order;

IT IS on this 12th day of December, 2010,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey is hereby suspended for a minimum of one year, the suspension to run concurrently with the criminal probationary period imposed by the Superior Court of New Jersey, Salem County on September 24, 2010, and until further Order of the Board.

2. Respondent shall immediately surrender her original wall certificate and wallet certificate and all renewal cards of her license to Joanne Boyer, Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy, P.O. Box 45013, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

3. Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of pharmacy, including the following: respondent shall not handle, order, inventory, compound, count, fill, refill or dispense any drug; shall not handle anything requiring a prescription including devices and medications; shall not handle prescriptions; shall not advise or consult with any patient, and is prohibited from being present within the prescription filling area of any pharmacy.

4. Respondent shall not act as a preceptor or pharmacist-in-charge (RPIC) at any pharmacy and shall not own or have an ownership interest in any pharmacy until further Order of the Board.

5. Prior to Board consideration of any petition for reinstatement of Respondent's license, Respondent shall:

- a. Undergo an in-depth psychological or psychiatric evaluation by a Board approved practitioner who is aware of and familiar with Respondent's conviction and who can assess her ability to practice pharmacy in a manner protective of the public health, safety and welfare. The practitioner shall be provided with copies of all documents relevant to Respondent's criminal activities and with a copy of this Order and shall provide the Board with a written evaluation regarding Respondent's ability to practice pharmacy in a manner protective of the public health, safety and welfare.
- b. Provide the Board with documentary proof that she has complied with any recommendations made by the practitioner.
- c. Provide the Board with documentary proof that she has satisfied all the terms and conditions of her criminal probation.
- d. Provide proof of successful completion of all reinstatement application requirements including but not limited to a completed application for reinstatement along with the requisite fees, and the required criminal history background check.
- e. Provide documentation of successful completion of the continuing education credits required for the period during which her license is suspended.
- f. At the discretion of the Board, Respondent may be asked to appear before the Board or a committee of the Board to discuss her readiness to reenter the practice of pharmacy. At that time Respondent

shall be prepared to propose her plans for future practice in New Jersey.

6. Respondent 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 any license proceedings.

7. All costs associated with the evaluation outlined above shall be the responsibility of, and paid directly by, Respondent.

8. Upon reinstatement of Respondent's license to practice pharmacy, the Board, in its discretion, may impose any restrictions or conditions on licensure it deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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

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

Crystal Hanscom 12/12/10
Crystal Hanscom, R.P. Date

Consent as to form and entry.

Justin F. Johnson
Justin F. Johnson, Esq. Date
Attorney for Crystal Hanscom