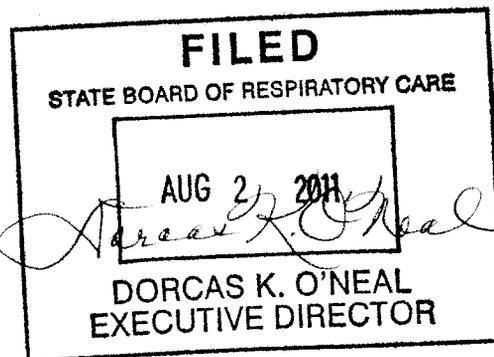


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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF: :  
: Administrative Action  
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DEIRDRE FARAHANI :  
License No. 43ZA00513700 : **CONSENT ORDER**  
: **OF REINSTATEMENT**  
TO PRACTICE RESPIRATORY CARE :  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care (Board) on or about September 24, 2010, upon receipt of information from Hackensack University Medical Center that Deirdre Farahani, (Respondent), who was employed as a respiratory therapist was terminated for discontinuation of a mechanical ventilator support on a patient without a physician's order. The patient subsequently died. On October 28, 2010, an interim consent order was filed with the Board whereby Respondent surrendered her license and agreed to cease and desist from the practice of respiratory care in New Jersey until further order of the Board. Respondent appeared before the Board for an investigative

inquiry into this matter on November 9, 2010, with her counsel, Susan Karlovich, Esq. Respondent testified that she turned off patient J.D.'s ventilator without confirming whether a physician's order was issued directing the discontinuance of mechanical ventilator support. Respondent stated that she believed that patient J.D. was deceased prior to turning off the ventilator. The Board reviewed information that Respondent was not the direct cause of patient J.D.'s demise given the grave nature of her condition. The Board further found Respondent to be forthcoming and remorseful for her actions. Therefore, on December 8, 2010, the Board filed a Consent Order suspending Respondent's license to practice respiratory care for two years, retroactive to October 28, 2010, the first six months to be served as an active suspension and the remaining eighteen months of suspension to be served as probation. Prior to any application for reinstatement, Respondent was to submit a psychological evaluation from a pre-approved Board psychologist, finding that she is fit and competent to practice respiratory care.

Through Respondent's counsel, she has provided a psychological evaluation dated April 11, 2011 (received on April 12, 2011) from a Board approved psychologist, John S. Kinsman, Psy.D., stating that Respondent is able to function effectively and competently as a respiratory therapist and he believes that the Board would be supported and justified in a decision to restore her license based upon his findings. In addition, Respondent has successfully completed the required six continuing education credits in patient assessment and

three credits in patient safety as required in the December 8, 2010 Consent Order.

The Board finding that Respondent has satisfied all requirements of the December 8, 2010 Consent Order and finding that she is fit and competent to practice respiratory care, that the within Order is adequately protective of the public, health, safety and welfare, and that good cause exists for its entry;

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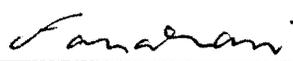
1. Respondent's license to practice respiratory care in New Jersey is hereby reinstated, and the remaining eighteen months of Respondent's two year suspension which has been stayed will continue to be served as a period of probation.

2. Respondent shall comply with all statutes and regulations for respiratory therapists in New Jersey. Any further violation of the statutes or regulations may lead to the Board terminating Respondent's stayed suspension and placing her on active suspension.

STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth Capek  
Board President

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

  
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Deirdre Farahani

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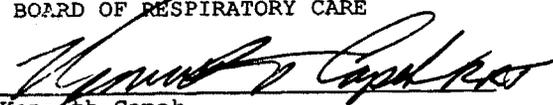
IT IS ON THIS 2ND DAY OF August, 2011,  
ORDERED THAT:

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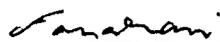
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Deirdre Farahani

I consent to the entry of this  
Order as to form.

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7/28/11