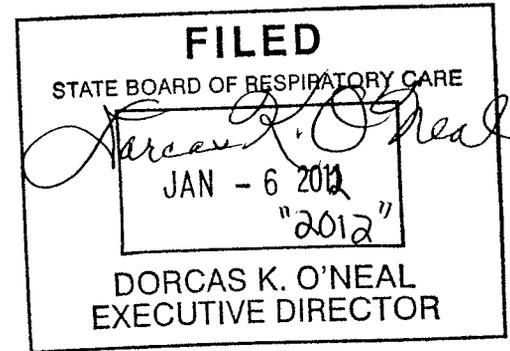


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :
: Administrative Action
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SANTHIYAPILLAI (SANTHI) COLLINS :
License No. 43ZA00193700 : **CONSENT ORDER OF**
: **REPRIMAND**
TO PRACTICE RESPIRATORY CARE :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care (Board) upon receipt of information that on or about December 1, 2010, Respondent, Santhiyapillai Collins, respiratory therapist, was terminated by Hunterdon Healthcare, in Flemington, New Jersey, for not following hospital clinical procedures necessary to ensure proper patient care. Specifically that Respondent did not administer the appropriate medications as directed by the physician order for patient EP. Hunterdon Healthcare determined through their investigation that Respondent only administered one drug, but did not administer the second drug per the physician order, since the second drug was out of stock in the Pyxis system. On March 1, 2011, Respondent

appeared before the Board for an investigative inquiry regarding the care he administered to patient EP on or about December 1, 2011.

After reviewing Respondent's investigative inquiry testimony before the Board and all relevant documents regarding Respondent's care to patient EP, the Board finds Respondent engaged in repeated acts of negligence; 1) by failing to administer the appropriate medications as directed by the physician order, 2) by failing to follow through to determine if the second medication not administered to patient EP which was not available in the Pyxis system could be properly obtained directly through the pharmacy, 3) by failing to properly document in the patient file that he did not administer one of the two medications scheduled to be given to patient EP, and 4) by failing to properly record patient EP's plateau pressure from the Servo I ventilator, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) thus providing grounds for disciplinary action; and the parties having agreed and consented to the resolution of this matter without the necessity of the Board instituting formal proceedings, and the Board finding that the within Order is adequately protective of the public, health and safety, exists for its entry;

IT IS, therefore, on this 5th day of January, 2012, ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent is hereby REPRIMANDED for engaging in repeated acts of negligence in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) for the conduct detailed above.

2. Respondent shall successfully complete and submit to the Board within ninety (90) days of the filing date of this Order, continuing

education courses pre-approved by the Board in the following categories: three (3) credits in medical error prevention and patient safety; two (2) credits in SOAP (subjective, objective, assessment and planning), and four (4) credits in mechanical ventilation. These credits can not be counted toward the required thirty (30) continuing education credits required by Respondent to complete during the current triennial period.

3. Respondent is hereby assessed a penalty in the amount of \$250.00 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d). The penalty shall be paid in full no later than thirty (30) days after the filing date of this Consent Order. Payment of the penalty shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to Dorcas O'Neal, Executive Director, New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care, P. O. Box 45031, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101; and

4. Failure to remit any payment as required by this Consent Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

By: _____
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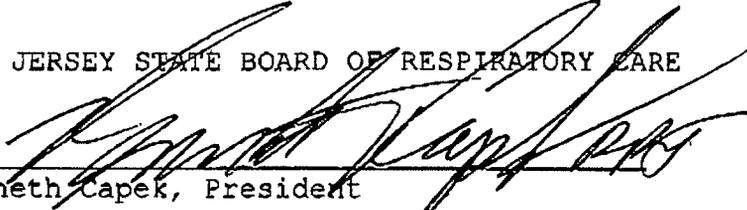
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