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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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VANESSA DiNUZZO, R.N. LICENSE # 26NO 07004200	:	ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION
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TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of respondent's petition for release from probation imposed pursuant to a Consent Order entered on February 19, 2008. The probationary terms were based

upon an Order filed by the Board of Registered Nursing of the State of California on March 21, 2007, revoking respondent's nursing license; the revocation was to be stayed, and respondent was to be placed on probation for a term of three years. The basis for the California action was that respondent made grossly incorrect or grossly inconsistent entries into hospital and patient records pertaining to Morphine Sulfate on nine occasions, and Methadone HCL on one occasion. The conduct took place in 2001 and 2002. In addition, on those ten occasions, respondent obtained Morphine Sulfate and Methadone by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or subterfuge, and possessed those substances in violation of law or regulation.

The New Jersey Board placed respondent on probation, and required that she remain on probation until successful completion of the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP) and until her license in California had been fully reinstated.

Respondent has now successfully completed RAMP, where she complied with program requirements. However, respondent has allowed her California nursing license to expire, and maintains that she will not be able to remove the restrictions on her California license unless she returns to California and complies with probationary requirements in that State. Respondent

indicates that she has no intention of ever returning to California to practice.

RAMP indicates that respondent has been compliant with RAMP requirements throughout her participation in the program, and has been employed without incident in New Jersey. Respondent has been in sustained recovery throughout the five years of her RAMP participation and respondent credibly contends that her recovery pre-dates her participation in RAMP by a number of years. For these reasons, the Board finding that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 2013

HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's petition for termination of the probationary conditions imposed pursuant to the February 3, 2010 order is hereby granted, and respondent's nursing license is no longer subject to restriction or encumbrance.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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