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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF WILLIAM BIXENMAN, R.N. LICENSE # NO 10932900 TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE (R.N.) IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	Administrative Action ORDER OF SUSPENSION OF LICENSE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (" Board") upon the receipt of information indicating the following;

1. Respondent, William Bixenman, is the holder of License No. NO 10932900 and is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey.

2. Respondent entered into a private letter agreement with the Board, which he signed on or about May 7, 2012. (Exhibit A) The agreement required respondent to enroll in the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP), undergo evaluation and monitoring, agree to follow recommendations by RAMP for further treatment, and to refrain from the use of any and all potentially addictive substances. (Exhibit A, ¶¶2, 6, and 10.) The agreement was to have the force and effect of a Board Order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4. In the event that the Board received reliable information that respondent had acted in violation of the RAMP contract and/or the agreement, the agreement was no longer to remain confidential.

3. In a communication dated January 28, 2013, RAMP's Interim Director advised the Board that respondent was noncompliant with RAMP program requirements. (Exhibit B)

4. On or about March 6, 2013, a letter issued by overnight and regular mail to respondent at his address of record, advising respondent that the Board had received credible information indicating that he was not in compliance with the private letter agreement, and advising him to forward within five days any proof that he was currently in compliance with RAMP. The overnight mailing was delivered on March 7, 2013. The regular mailing was not returned. No written response has been received to date. (Exhibit C)

5. The private letter agreement signed by respondent provided for automatic suspension of respondent's nursing license upon receipt of reliable information indicating that respondent has violated any term of the private letter agreement. (Exhibit A, ¶13)

6. A certification from RAMP's Interim Director dated March 25, 2013 indicates that respondent failed to call in for screening from March 8, 2013 through March 15, 2013; failed to submit to screening on February 5, 2013 and March 13, 2013; does not appear to have attended peer group meetings, as required by RAMP; failed to submit required monthly reports from November of 2012 through February of 2013, and failed to follow RAMP procedural requirements for returning to work as a nurse, including the requirement that he inform his employer of his RAMP involvement, and inform RAMP of his employment. (Exhibit D) This conduct constitutes a violation of the private letter agreement signed by respondent.

Accordingly,

IT IS on this 8th day of April, 2013

HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey shall be and hereby is suspended for his violation of the private letter agreement, which is deemed a violation of a Board Order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and

N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

2. Respondent may, under the terms of the private letter agreement, upon notice, request a hearing on the sole issue of whether respondent has failed to comply with the terms of the private letter agreement.

3. In the event that respondent seeks reinstatement of his New Jersey nursing license at any future time, the Board shall not entertain any application for reinstatement without respondent's demonstrating that he is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the private letter agreement and with RAMP program requirements.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: _____
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Board President