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

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE : Administrative Action
OF :
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CHERYL JONES, R.N. : CONSENT ORDER
LICENSE NO. NO08799300 :
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information concerning care provided by respondent to patient P.W., age 81, who had been hospitalized following an automobile accident in March of 2006. Shortly after midnight on April 21, 2006, P.W.'s blood pressure decreased significantly and P.W. was hypotensive. At 8:00 P.M. P.W.'s blood pressure had measured 134/55, and at 12:05 A.M. it measured 85/46; at 12:10 A.M. it measured 83/53; and at 12:15 A.M. it measured 90/60. At 12:25 A.M. respondent administered morphine to P.W. for pain. Medical records indicate that

respondent did not notify a physician with respect to the drop in blood pressure until 5:00 A.M. on April 21, 2006, five hours after the significant decrease in P.W.'s blood pressure.

P.W. was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit between 6:00 and 7:00 A.M., where he expired on that morning.

The Board finds that respondent's failure to notify a physician of P.W.'s significant drop in blood pressure, respondent's subsequent administration of morphine (which can decrease blood pressure) without notifying a physician, and respondent's delay in reassessment of P.W. until 5:00 A.M. despite the previous low blood pressure readings and the administration of morphine, constitute repeated acts of negligence within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d).

In addition, the Board notes respondent's failure to timely comply with continuing education requirements for the June 1, 2010-May 31, 2012 licensing cycle. Moreover, respondent engaged in misrepresentation on her renewal application submitted on May 2, 2012 when she indicated that she would have completed the required continuing education requirements by May 31, 2012.

The parties desiring to resolve this matter without admissions and without further proceedings, and the Board finding that entry of the within order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 9th DAY OF September, 2013

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A reprimand is hereby imposed for respondent's repeated acts of negligence in the care of P.W. in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) in April of 2006.

2. A reprimand is imposed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) for respondent's misrepresentation on her 2012 renewal application with regard to continuing education.

3. A \$250.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed upon respondent for the failure to timely complete continuing education in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, and shall be submitted along with this signed order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Patricia Murphy PLD APN

By: _____

Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN, C
Board President

I have read and understand the
Within Consent Order and
agree to be bound by its terms.

Cheryl Jones RN

Cheryl Jones, R.N.