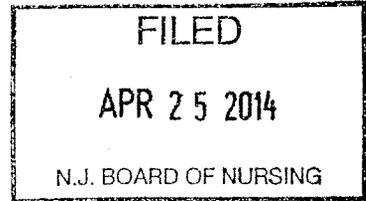


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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	Administrative Action
OR RECOVATION OF THE LICENSEE OF	:	
	:	ORDER OF SUSPENSION
ELIZABETH STANTON, R.N.	:	OF LICENSE
LICENSE # NO 09224400	:	
	:	
TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED	:	
NURSE (R.N.) IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

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

1. Respondent, Elizabeth Stanton, is the holder of License No. NO 09224400 and is a registered nurse in the State of New Jersey.

2. Respondent entered into a private letter agreement with the Board which she signed on or about August 9, 2013.

(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 February 7, 2014, Case Manager Wendy Summers of RAMP advised the Board that respondent was noncompliant with her RAMP contract, in that she failed to sign a five-year contract with RAMP, and failed to return, signed, a letter authorizing inactivation of her nursing license. (Exhibit B)

4. On or about March 31, 2014, a letter issued by overnight and regular mail to respondent at her address of record, and by regular mail and facsimile, to respondent's attorney, advising respondent that the Board had received credible information indicating that she was not in compliance with the private letter agreement, and advising her to forward within five days any proof that she was currently in compliance with RAMP. (Exhibit C)

5. On or about April 9, 2014,¹ and again on April 10, 2014, respondent's attorney indicated in a faxed communication that respondent had been asked to sign an agreement with RAMP, and had been asked to place her nursing license in inactive status, although respondent's attorney stated that respondent had been asked to inactivate her nursing license for a period of five years. (Exhibit D) Subsequently respondent's attorney forwarded a communication dated April 10, 2014, indicating that Ms. Stanton had been in contact with RAMP. The attorney acknowledged that Ms. Stanton was not asked to inactivate her nursing license for five years, but that Ms. Stanton was not willing to inactivate her license without knowing the specific amount of time the license was to remain inactive. (Exhibit D)

7. A certification from RAMP's director dated April 16, 2014 indicated that Ms. Stanton had not returned, signed, a letter authorizing inactivation of her nursing license which was sent to her on December 6, 2013. The certification also indicated that Ms. Stanton was involved with multiple physicians managing her pain, yet Ms. Stanton has not complied with RAMP's request for signed releases to speak with some of her physicians; had not provided a copy of prescriptions for medications, as she had been requested to do; had not provided

¹ The letter accompanying the April 9 facsimile is for some reason dated January 8, 2014, although it was obviously written in response to a March 31, 2014 communication.

the name of the physician or physicians providing medications for the month of January, 2014, and for February 11 through March 11, 2014; and had not provided a pharmacy printout of medications that she was asked for on April 3, 2014. In addition, Ms. Stanton did not submit monthly therapist reports as required by her RAMP contract. (Exhibit E) This conduct constitutes a violation of the private letter agreement signed by respondent.

8. The private letter agreement signed by respondent , which by its terms has the force and effect of a Board order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4, 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)

Accordingly,

IT IS on this 25th day of April , 2014

HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey shall be and hereby is suspended for her 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 her New Jersey nursing license at any future time, the Board shall not entertain any application for reinstatement without respondent's demonstrating that she is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the private letter agreement and with any agreement with RAMP, and is fit and competent to practice nursing.

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