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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
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STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION  
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

MARIE VENETTE, L.P.N.  
LICENSE NO. NP05752700

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") is charged with the duty and responsibility of regulating the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey pursuant to the Nurse Practice Act, N.J.S.A. 45:11-1 et seq. and regulations set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:37-14.1 et seq.

Marie Venette ("Respondent") holds New Jersey license NP05752700 as a licensed practical nurse ("LPN") with the Board at all relevant times hereto. Through its investigation, the Board has determined that Respondent engaged in the use or employment of dishonesty or misrepresentation by acquiring a registered nursing ("R.N.") license without appropriately fulfilling the requirements of obtaining such a license. Respondent paid \$1,000.00 to an online school, Abundance Wisdom University ("AW University"), to obtain an R.N. license. Through

this school, Respondent obtained a North Carolina R.N. license and also submitted an application for a New Jersey R.N. license. The process for obtaining the North Carolina license was later determined to be fraudulent, also resulting in fraudulent document submissions to the New Jersey licensing board. Respondent subsequently withdrew her application for a New Jersey R.N. license. At no time was Respondent issued a New Jersey R.N. license. Respondent maintains that she was defrauded by the owner of AW University and that her signature was forged on the licensing documentation submitted to North Carolina. North Carolina withdrew its Order of Summary Suspension and filed an Order to Deny Issuance of a License based on the fact that Respondent had not met the minimum requirements for licensure as an R.N.

However, based on Board regulations and the general responsibilities of being a licensed nurse, the Board finds that Respondent knew, or should have known, that the process proposed and executed by AW University for her to obtain her R.N. license was inconsistent with the Board's policies. Given the above, the Board finds that Respondent engaged in violations of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (a) and (b) by obtaining a license through deception or misrepresentation and by engaging in the use or employment of dishonesty or misrepresentation. The Board also finds that Respondent's conduct constitutes the engagement in an act of professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter, and the Board being satisfied that entry of the within Order obviates the need for formal proceedings, and being further satisfied that the within disposition is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for good cause shown

IT IS, therefore, ON THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2014, ORDERED and

## AGREED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey shall be suspended for a period of three (3) years. The first year of the suspension shall be active, with the remaining two years to be stayed and served as a period of probation, provided that Respondent demonstrates compliance with all terms and conditions of the within Consent Order. No credit shall be granted toward the active period of suspension for any period during which Respondent is practicing any type of nursing in any other jurisdiction or country.

2. The suspension imposed pursuant to the preceding paragraph shall commence on the 10th calendar day following Respondent's receipt of a filed copy of this Consent Order.

3. Respondent is assessed an aggregate civil penalty of \$7,500 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25 for the violations described herein. Respondent shall pay the total of \$7,500 in penalties in twelve (12) equal monthly installments of \$625.00 each. The first payment shall be due on or before the first day of the period of probation, with each subsequent payment due on the first day of each of the following eleven months. All monthly payments shall be made by money order or other certified funds payable to: **Treasurer, State of New Jersey**, and forwarded to the attention of **George Hebert, Executive Director of the Board of Nursing**, 124 Halsey Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 45027, Newark, NJ, 07101.

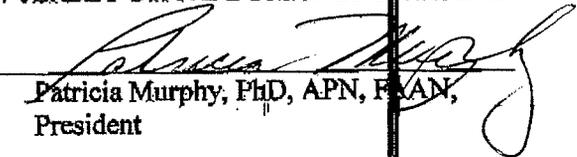
4. In the event Respondent defaults on the payment terms of this Order, a Certificate of Debt reflecting the \$7,500 currently due and owing shall be filed with the New Jersey Superior Court.

5. In the event Respondent defaults on the payment terms of this Order, she specifically acknowledges that: A. Following notice by certified and regular mail to

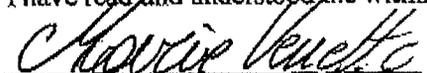
Respondent's address on file with the Board, she shall have five (5) business days to cure the deficiency by immediately making all overdue payments to the Board; B. Failure to cure the default within the specified time shall result in the default of Respondent's obligations under this Order without further notice or opportunity to be heard; C. Upon default of any and all amounts then due and owing under this Order, payment of all remaining penalties shall immediately be due in full; D. The Board may issue a summary order of suspension of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey. The summary suspension order may issue following a certification from the Board's Executive Director of Respondent's default and failure to cure, without further notice to Respondent or opportunity to be heard; and E. Following the issuance of a summary suspension order pursuant to the proceeding, any application by Respondent to lift the suspension shall not be considered by the Board unless and until all payments due under this Order have been paid in full.

6. The Board shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Order. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that Respondent has violated any term of this Order, the Board reserves the right to bring further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:   
 Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN, FAN,  
 President

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

  
 Marie Venette, L.P.N.

4/10/14  
 Date

I hereby consent to the form and entry of this Order.

  
 Bonnie M. Weir, Esq

4/10/14  
 Date