

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action
: :
GAYNOR L. SINGH, LPN : :
License # 26NP02693900 : FINAL ORDER
: OF DISCIPLINE
: :
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE : :
STATE OF NEW JERSEY : :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Gaynor L. Singh ("Respondent") is a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On or about May 23, 2013, Respondent completed and submitted an online biennial renewal for the period of June 01, 2013 to May 31, 2015.

3. Respondent was asked on the biennial renewal application whether Respondent would have "completed the required continuing education credits by May 31, 2012," referring to the biennial

renewal period of June 01, 2010 to May 31, 2012. Respondent answered "Yes" and certified that answer by submitting the online application.

4. Upon receipt of information that Respondent was terminated for wrongly administering medication to a patient, the Board sent a letter of inquiry requesting certain information and submission of documents regarding the incident, Respondent's current nursing practice, and continuing education to Respondent's address of record in Bloomfield, New Jersey, via regular and certified mail on or about September 10, 2013.

5. Respondent replied to the Board on or about September 26, 2013, and provided answers to the Board's questions, but did not provide proof of continuing education.

6. Upon receipt of Respondent's reply to the Board, a letter was sent alerting Respondent that he had not provided proof of continuing education, and asking Respondent to submit all documentation of completed continuing education for the biennial renewal period of June 01, 2011 to May 31, 2013 to Respondent's address of record in Bloomfield, New Jersey, via regular and certified mail on or about October 16, 2013.

7. Respondent provided certificates of completion for thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education, issued out of on November 04, 2013.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3(b), licensees are required to complete a minimum of thirty (30) hours of continuing education during the preceding biennial period in order to renew their licenses. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3(f), licensees are required to maintain documentation of completion of continuing education for a period of four years after completion, and shall submit such documentation to the Board upon request.

Respondent completed the required continuing education credits for the biennial renewal period of June 01, 2011 to May 31, 2013 after the end of the renewal period. The Board therefore finds Respondent in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3(b) and 13:37-5.3(f), which in turn subjects Respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

Respondent's use of dishonesty and misrepresentation during the license renewal process in falsifying his continuing education information constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), subjecting Respondent to sanctions.

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on November 14, 2014, provisionally imposing a reprimand and a civil penalty in the amount of \$250. A copy of the Order was served upon

respondent by certified and regular mail at respondent's address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Respondent replied to the Provisional Order, apologizing for the oversight with respect to timely completion of continuing education, and providing documentation of an additional 30 contact hours of continuing education completed on November 27, 2014, and 30 contact hours completed on December 3, 2014. The Board thus found that respondent had satisfied the requirements for the 2013-2015 licensing cycle, and may carry over fifteen hours of nursing continuing education for use during the 2015-2017 licensing cycle. The Board determined that the reprimand and \$250 monetary penalty were nonetheless warranted for failure to timely complete required continuing education, and for misrepresentation on the 2013 renewal application.

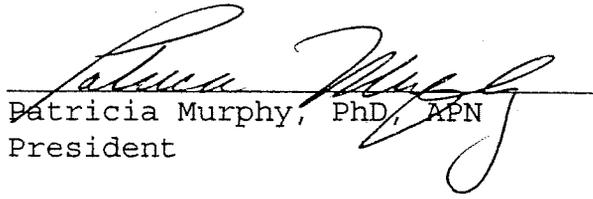
ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 11th day of February, 2015,

ORDERED that:

1. A reprimand is imposed on Respondent for falsifying the continuing education information on his license renewal application.

2. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for failing to timely complete required continuing education. Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to "State of New Jersey," or by wire transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment delivered or mailed to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making the payment. Payment shall be made no later than fifteen (15) days after the date of filing of this order. In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: 

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
President