

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LICENSE OF

JAMIE L. JENSEN, R.N.
License # 26NR14711500

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

**FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE**

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jamie L. Jensen ("Respondent") is a Registered Professional Nurse (RN) in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
2. On or about March 31, 2014, the Board sent Respondent a letter of inquiry requesting information and documents concerning an arrest on March 8, 2014 on charges of criminal trespass and criminal mischief, as well as documentation of continuing education completed within the last three years.
3. The letter was sent to Respondent at her address of record by certified and regular mail. Respondent's attorney partially replied on behalf of Respondent, forwarding documents relating to the arrest, and indicating the case status.

Subsequently, a letter dated June 23, 2014 was received, stating that the charges against Respondent had been dismissed, and that certificates of disposition would be forwarded.

4. As of the date of the filing of a Provisional Order of Discipline (October 27, 2014), the Board had not received the disposition of the criminal charges, a narrative statement providing Respondent's version of the events that led to her arrest, nor any documentation of continuing education.

5. On Respondent's 2012 and 2014 renewal applications, Respondent indicated that she would have completed all required nursing continuing education for the preceding renewal periods by May 31, 2012 and May 31, 2014, respectively.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to fully respond to the Board's inquiry constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, subjecting Respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

Respondent's failure to provide documentation of any nursing continuing education is interpreted as a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, i.e., failure to timely complete continuing education requirements, subjecting Respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

Respondent's indication on her renewal applications that she would have completed required continuing education by May 31, 2012 and May 31, 2014, respectively is interpreted as misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline seeking a suspension, reprimand, and seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750)

in civil penalties was entered on October 27, 2014. Copies were served upon Respondent via regular and certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the thirtieth day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated findings of fact and conclusions of law by 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 of Discipline by providing dispositions indicating that the criminal charges were dismissed and a narrative explaining that the charges were the result of regrettable actions she had taken against the father of her child. Regarding continuing education, Respondent provided documentation of completing:

0 hours within the June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2012 biennial period;

31.8 hours within the June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2014 biennial period; and

33.8 hours within the current June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2016 biennial period.

Respondent may apply 30 of the 33.8 hours recently completed to cure the deficiency of the June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2012 biennial period and avoid suspension on that basis.

Those 30 hours however, may not also be used to satisfy the requirements of the current biennial period. Respondent must ensure that she has an additional 30 hours of continuing education prior to May 31, 2016 to satisfy the requirements of the current biennial period.

The Board reviewed Respondent's submissions and determined that further

proceedings were not necessary and that no material discrepancies had been raised. The Board was not persuaded that the submitted materials merited further consideration, as Respondent did not dispute the findings of fact or conclusions of law. Inasmuch as Respondent provided the information originally requested and cured the deficiency in her continuing education for the previous biennial period, the Board determined that suspension was no longer warranted. However, the Board determined that Respondent's failure to respond to the original inquiry, thereby necessitating the filing of the Provisional Order of Discipline, and review of Respondent's subsequent reply months later, warrants imposition of a five hundred dollar (\$500) civil penalty. Additionally, Respondent's failure to timely complete continuing education within the June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2012 biennial period warrants imposition of the two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) civil penalty as well as a reprimand for her misrepresentation on her 2012 renewal application wherein she certified that she had completed the required continuing education when she had not done so.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 8th day of April, 2015

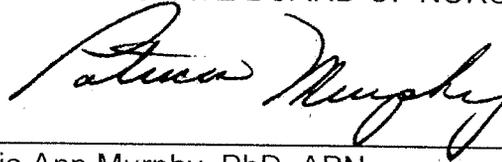
ORDERED that:

1. A public reprimand is hereby imposed upon Respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).
2. A five hundred dollar (\$500) civil penalty is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2 -1.3, as well as a civil penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, for a total penalty amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750). 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 twenty-one (21) days after the date of filing of this Final Order of Discipline. 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.

3. Continuing education applied to cure the deficiency of a previous biennial period shall not also be used to satisfy the requirements of the current biennial period. Respondent shall ensure that she has an additional 30 hours of continuing education completed before May 31, 2016 to satisfy the requirements of the June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2016 biennial period.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING



By:

Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President