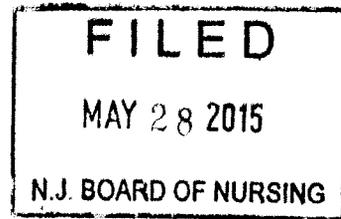


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	Administrative Action
OR RECOVATION OF THE LICENSEE OF	:	
	:	ORDER OF SUSPENSION
JANET LONGO, L.P.N.	:	OF LICENSE
LICENSE # NP 06385700	:	
	:	
TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED	:	
PRACICAL NURSE (L.P.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, Janet Longo, is the holder of License No. NP 06385700 and is a licensed practical nurse in the State of New Jersey.

2. Respondent entered into a private letter agreement with the Board which she signed on or about October 22, 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 March 23, 2015, RAMP case Manager Donna Gillane advised the Board that respondent was noncompliant with RAMP monitoring requirements, in that she entered intensive outpatient treatment on July 23, 2013, but did not provide a discharge letter from the program, as requested. RAMP also informed the Board that respondent refused to sign a five year monitoring agreement, as requested, that respondent missed daily call-ins fourteen times in 2014 and ceased making call-ins as of March 3, 2015. Respondent had tested positive for alcohol at a September 2014 urine screening which respondent claimed was food-related. Respondent declined to increase AA meeting attendance to thrice weekly, and did not respond to email or phone messages from RAMP staff on February 19, 2015 or February 27, 2015. (Exhibit B, Exhibit D)

4. On or about April 24, 2015, a letter issued by overnight and regular mail to respondent at her address of record, 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. The overnight mailing was delivered on April 27, 2015. (Exhibit C) No response has been received to date.

6. A certification from RAMP's director dated May 19, 2015 indicates that Ms. Longo has not been fully cooperative with RAMP in her overall participation, as detailed in paragraph #3, failing to provide RAMP with a copy of her discharge letter from an intensive outpatient treatment program she entered in 2013, refusal to increase attendance at 12-step program meetings, and missing a number of daily call-ins. Ms. Longo justified her refusal to attend three AA meetings weekly by citing an agreement with RAMP that was signed earlier, yet she refused to sign a five year contract, as requested by RAMP, requiring attendance at three AA meetings. Ms. Longo ceased calling in daily for screenings as of March 3, 2015. (Exhibit D)

7. 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)

8. Respondent's refusal to meet RAMP requirements, as evidenced by her cessation of participation in RAMP, her refusal to increase her attendance at AA meetings, and other behavior cited above constitutes a violation of the terms of the private letter agreement, and consequently a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

Accordingly,

IT IS on this 28th day of May, 2015

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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