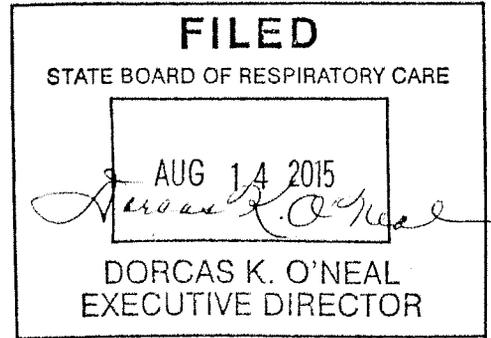


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
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STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

IN THE MATTER OF: : Administrative Action  
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Stacey McDonald, R.T. : CONSENT ORDER  
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License No. 43ZA00336000 : :  
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TO PRACTICE RESPIRATORY CARE : :  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY : :  
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care (the "Board") upon receipt of information that Stacey McDonald (Respondent) was discharged from employment because she appeared impaired and unfit for the proper performance of her assigned work. It was reported that she was seen by an ICU nurse with a blood tinged syringe accessing a Versed drip of a patient that contained Fentanyl. It was reported by staff that Fentanyl was missing.

Respondent appeared before the Board for an investigative inquiry on February 3, 2015. Respondent admitted that she obtained Fentanyl from a patient, drawing the drug from an IV bag. She admitted

that she has a drug problem and is not capable of working as a Respiratory Therapist at the present time. She presented documentation that she attended Meridian Behavioral Health Services for intensive outpatient treatment.

The Board finds Respondent's admission that she drew drugs from a patient's IV bag for personal use is an egregious act of professional misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c) and (1) thus providing grounds for disciplinary action. The Board reviewed information that Respondent enrolled in Meridian Behavioral Health Services for Intensive Outpatient Treatment. The Board further found Respondent to be forthcoming and remorseful for her actions. The parties having agreed and consented to the resolution of this matter without the necessity of the Board instituting formal proceedings; the Board finding that good cause exists for the entry of this order; and that the within disposition to be adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare.

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS *14<sup>TH</sup>* DAY OF *Aug.* 2015  
HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice respiratory care in New Jersey is suspended for four years, the first two years to be served as an active suspension and the remaining two years of suspension to be stayed and served as a period of probation.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from the practice of respiratory care and shall continue to do so during the period of active suspension and until further order of the Board.

3. Respondent shall return her original New Jersey license to practice respiratory care to the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care, 124 Halsey Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101, upon his receipt of a filed copy of this Order.

4. Prior to any application for reinstatement, which shall not occur sooner than two years from the date of service of this order and shall be accompanied by a position statement of the PAP unequivocally recommending the reinstatement, Respondent shall appear before the Board or a committee thereof to discuss her readiness to reenter the practice of respiratory care; provide the Board with evidence that she is rehabilitated and is capable of discharging the functions of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare and that she is not then suffering from any impairment or limitation resulting from the use of alcohol, controlled substances, or any mood altering substances which could affect her practice of respiratory care.

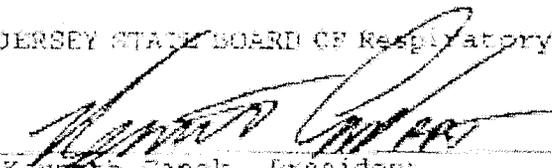
5. Respondent must complete an approved rehabilitation program and provide proof of completion to the Board.

6. Respondent shall be required to attend the Professional Assistance Program (PAP) for continued monitoring upon reinstatement of license.

7. All costs associated with the PAP program shall be the responsibility of, and paid directly by Respondent.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF Respiratory Care

By:

  
Kenneth Cepak, President

I have read and understand  
the within Order and agree  
to be bound by the terms  
therein. Consent is hereby  
given for the Board to enter  
this Order.

  
Stacey McDonald, R.T.

7/30/15  
Dated

Thank you!