

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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	:	FINAL ORDER
AMBER N.DIXON, LPN	:	WITHDRAWING
Formerly AMBER N. GHAFER, LPN	:	PROVISIONAL ORDER
License # 26NP06102200	:	OF DISCIPLINE
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TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("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. Amber N. Dixon, formerly Amber N. Ghafer ("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 14, 2012, Respondent completed and submitted an online biennial renewal application which asked whether Respondent would have "completed the required continuing

education credits by May 31, 2012," referring to the biennial renewal period of June 1, 2010 - May 31, 2012. Respondent answered "yes" and certified that answer by submitting the online application.

3. On or about April 7, 2014, the Board sent a letter of inquiry to Respondent's mailing address in Atlantic City, New Jersey, via regular and certified mail, requesting certain documents, including proof of having completed the required continuing education.

4. Respondent provided a response to the letter of inquiry, but failed to provide proof of having completed all of the required continuing education. Instead of providing certificates of completion, Respondent provided a "learner transcript" indicating that she may have completed 9.75 hours of continuing education for the June 1, 2010 - May 31, 2012 biennial renewal period.

5. On or about May 23, 2014, Respondent completed and submitted an online biennial renewal application which asked whether Respondent would have "completed the required continuing education credits by May 31, 2014," referring to the biennial renewal period of June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2014. Respondent answered "yes" and certified that answer by submitting the online application.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3(b), nurses 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), nurses 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 failed to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Board, that Respondent completed the continuing education credits required for renewal during the biennial period of June 1, 2010 - May 31, 2012. 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 her continuing education information constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), subjecting Respondent to sanctions.

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline seeking a suspension, reprimand, and a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) civil penalty was

entered on June 8, 2015. 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 and provided documentation of completion of ample amounts of continuing education completed within the three biennial renewal periods from June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2016. Respondent has been enrolled in a nursing college degree program to obtain a higher degree.

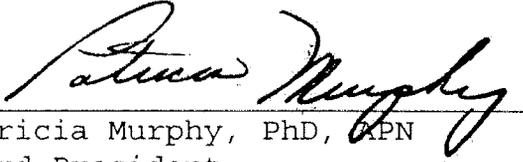
The Board reviewed Respondent's submissions and determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that no material discrepancies had been raised. Respondent demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Board, that she timely completed the required continuing education.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 12th day of November, 2015,
ORDERED that:

1. The Provisional Order of Discipline filed on June 8, 2015 is hereby withdrawn in its entirety.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


Patricia Murphy, PhD, RN
Board President