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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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KARLA DIANE MOODY, LPN, CHHA	:	
LPN #26NP05694700	:	ORDER OF SUSPENSION
CCHA # 26NH07107700	:	OF LICENSE
	:	
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN	:	
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information indicating the following:

1. Karla Diane Moody ("Respondent") is a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and a Certified Homemaker Home Health Aide

(CHHA) in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all relevant times. Respondent allowed her LPN license to expire as of May 31, 2015 and allowed her CHHA certificate to expire as of November 30, 2003. (Exhibit A).

2. Respondent entered into a private letter agreement ("PLA") with the Board on or about September 23, 2013. The agreement required, in part, that Respondent enroll in and comply with the Board's designated intervention program, the Recovery and Monitoring Program ("RAMP"), to undergo evaluation, monitoring, and treatment, including random screens. The agreement, which was to remain private and confidential unless and until the Board received reliable information that Respondent had violated any term, was to have the force and effect of a Board Order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4. (Exhibit B).

3. On or about July 1, 2014, Respondent stopped checking-in on a daily basis with the online monitoring system which randomly schedules random screens, did not show up for a randomly scheduled screen, stopped attending peer support meetings, failed to submit monthly self-evaluation reports, and stopped contacting RAMP. RAMP later determined that Respondent had sustained an injury, excused her absences, and granted her a

monitoring interruption until September 2014. (Exhibit C).

4. Based upon Respondent's statement that she had ongoing medical issues, RAMP extended the monitoring interruption until November 2014. (Exhibit C).

5. Based upon Respondent's statement that she had ongoing medical issues, RAMP extended the monitoring interruption until December 2014 and extended the overall length of her required participation in the program by six months to accommodate for the six month absence. (Exhibit C).

6. In January, February, and March of 2015, Respondent's husband contacted RAMP, advised that Respondent was either hospitalized or in rehab, and requested and was granted extensions of the monitoring interruption until May 2015. RAMP advised Respondent's husband that Respondent, or her husband, would have to provide RAMP with medical documentation to support Respondent's six requests for a monitoring interruption from September 2014 through May 2015. (Exhibit C).

7. Respondent and/or her husband failed to contact RAMP in May 2015 or at anytime thereafter. Respondent and/or her husband failed to respond to RAMP's efforts to contact Respondent and redirect her towards compliance. (Exhibit C).

8. Respondent failed to remain in and successfully

complete RAMP, and was discharged as non-compliant on May 29, 2015. (Exhibit C).

9. RAMP cannot assure the Board or the public that Respondent is safe to practice. (Exhibit C).

10. On September 1, 2015, a communication was sent to Respondent at her address of record by overnight and regular mail advising Respondent that the Board had received information indicating that she was not in compliance with the private letter agreement and with her agreement with RAMP. Respondent was further advised to provide the Board with proof of any inaccuracy in that information within two weeks. (Exhibit D). No response was received.

11. The private letter agreement signed by Respondent provided for automatic suspension of Respondent's nursing license upon receipt of reliable information indicating that Respondent had violated any term of the private letter agreement. The agreement states that Respondent may, upon notice to the Board, request a hearing to contest the automatic suspension; however, at any such hearing, the sole issue shall be whether any of the information received regarding Respondent's violation of the agreement was materially false. The Board also reserved the right to bring further disciplinary

action. (Exhibit B).

12. Respondent violated the private letter agreement by: failing to check-in on a daily basis with the online monitoring system which randomly schedules random screens; failing to submit to random screens; failing to attend peer support meetings; failing to provide RAMP with requested paperwork to support six monitoring interruptions granted to her for claimed ongoing medical issues; failing to contact RAMP or respond to RAMP's efforts to contact her since May 2015; and failing to remain in and successfully complete RAMP. Each violation of the private letter agreement constitutes 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), and automatic suspension of her license as provided in the private letter agreement.

13. Any professional or occupational license not renewed within thirty days of its expiration date shall be suspended without a hearing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b). As such, Respondent's LPN license was administratively suspended, without a hearing, on July 1, 2015, and her CHHA certification was administratively suspended on January 1, 2004.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 7th day of December, 2015,
HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice as a LPN in the State of New Jersey was administratively suspended by operation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1 without a hearing on July 1, 2015.

Respondent's certification to practice as a CHHA in the State of New Jersey was administratively suspended by operation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1 without a hearing on January 1, 2004.

Respondent's New Jersey LPN license and CHHA certificate are hereby disciplinarily suspended for her violation of the terms of the private letter agreement as set forth above, which is 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).

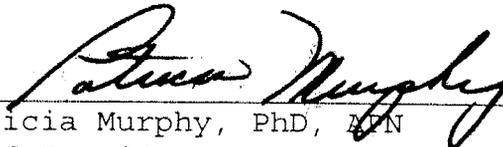
2. Respondent may, under the terms of the private letter agreement, request a hearing, upon notice, on the sole issue of whether information received that Respondent has failed to comply with the terms of the private letter agreement was materially false.

3. In the event that Respondent seeks reinstatement of her New Jersey nursing license or CHHA certificate at any future time, the Board shall not entertain any application for reinstatement without a demonstration by Respondent that she is fit and competent to practice, in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the private letter agreement, and with any

agreement with Ramp, and that RAMP supports her reinstatement.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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