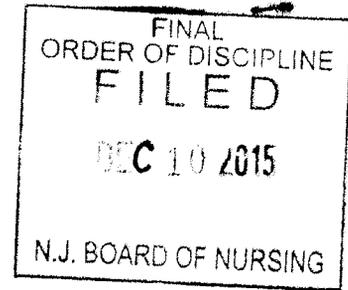


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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action  
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YVETTE JONES, RN : :  
License # 26NO11266900 : : **FINAL ORDER**  
: : **OF DISCIPLINE**  
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TO 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. Yvette Jones ("Respondent") is a Registered Professional Nurse (RN) in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto. Respondent also holds

a license to practice as a Registered Nurse in the State of Pennsylvania.

2. In 2012, based upon her chemical abuse or dependency, Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing whereby her license was placed on probation and she continued participation with the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing's intervention program.

4. In 2014, the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing initiated action to suspend Respondent's license based on Respondent's violation of the Consent Order, failure to abstain from the use of controlled substances, and failure to cooperate and comply with the intervention program.

5. By Final Order filed on May 6, 2014, the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing suspended Respondent's Pennsylvania nursing license for no less than three years, retroactive to February 10, 2014.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board finds that Respondent's license is subject to suspension pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g) as she has had her authority to engage in nursing suspended by another state for reasons constituent with the Board's statutes. As a condition for reinstatement, testing, monitoring, and evaluation will be required to evaluate whether Respondent's practice as a nurse

may jeopardize the safety and welfare of the public pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(f) and medical or professional treatment will likely be necessary for Respondent to properly discharge the functions of a licensee pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(e).

#### DISCUSSION ON FINALIZATION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline seeking a suspension of her nursing license, was entered on September 2, 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 responded to the Provisional Order of Discipline, in a letter dated September 26, 2015, in which she acknowledged that the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing took formal disciplinary action against her, namely suspension of her license. However, she maintains that she did not respond to the action because it occurred simultaneously with certain health

issues that prevented her from participating in the action. Respondent further advised that she became disabled in December 2013 and continues to be unable to perform the duties of a registered nurse.

The Board reviewed Respondent's submissions and determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that no material discrepancies had been raised. Based on the foregoing, the Board voted to finalize the POD with no modifications. The Board has concluded that the finalization of this Order adequately protects the consuming public in New Jersey.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER 2015, ORDERED that upon the filing of a FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE in this matter:

1. The license of Respondent Yvette Jones, R.N., to practice nursing in New Jersey is suspended pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g) until:

a) Respondent's Pennsylvania license to practice is reinstated;

b) further Board Order;

c) Respondent enrolls in and participates with the Board's designated intervention program, the Recovery and Monitoring Program (RAMP); and

d) Respondent demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the

Board, that she is fit and competent to actively practice in the State of New Jersey and that RAMP supports the reinstatement of her license.

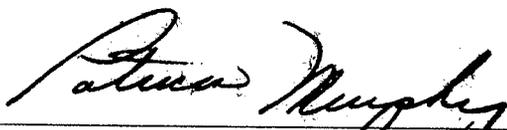
2. The Board will not entertain an application for reinstatement from Respondent unless and until Respondent demonstrates that she is fit and competent to practice nursing and that RAMP supports her return to practice.

3. Respondent shall refrain from practicing as a nurse and shall not represent herself as a Registered Professional Nurse until such time as her license is reinstated. Any practice in this State prior to reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.

4. The Board reserves the right to initiate further discipline at the time of reinstatement based upon any new information then adduced or to impose restrictions and limitations on Respondent's practice.

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By:

  
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Board President