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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION :
FOR LICENSURE OF : Administrative Action
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CIARA D. MARTIN : CONSENT ORDER
26 NPO 9366400 :
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 Ciara D. Martin's application for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse, including a certification and authorization for a criminal history background check. The applicant disclosed two arrests and two convictions. In 2009, the applicant was found guilty of violating N.J.S.A.

2C:20-3(a) (Theft of Moveable Property). She was fined and assessed five hundred and thirty-two dollars (\$532). In 2011, the applicant was arrested and charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:20-11(b)(2) (Concealing Merchandise from a Store). She was found guilty of violating a downgraded local ordinance violation and fined and assessed six hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$655).

The Board finds that the applicant's convictions relate adversely to the practice of nursing within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f). Nurses care for vulnerable populations and are expected to be trustworthy. The applicant's convictions erode that trust.

The applicant acknowledges that she made poor decisions in the past. She professes that she has matured, turned her life around, and that she is now more honest and aware of the consequences that result from her actions. She looks forward to living a life that will make herself and her child proud.

The Board having reviewed this matter, and the parties desiring to resolve this matter, and the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 26th day of February, 2016

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Ciara D. Martin's application for licensure as a practical nurse shall be granted upon review and approval of a completed application, payment of fees, and proof of passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

2. Ciara D. Martin shall be placed on probation for a minimum period of two years. During this period of probation, Ms. Martin is required to report to the Board any arrest, indictment, or conviction for any crime or disorderly persons offense within ten (10) days of the event. Any arrest, indictment, or conviction for any crime or disorderly persons offense within the probationary period shall be considered a violation of probation and this Order.

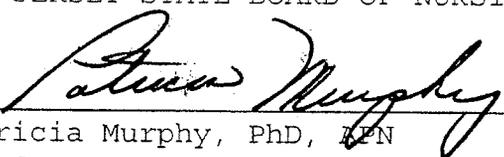
3. Ciara D. Martin shall obey all the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of nursing in the State or jurisdiction in which he practices nursing.

4. During the period of probation, Ciara D. Martin shall provide a copy of this Order to any present or future nursing employer. The period of probation shall only run, or toll, while Ms. Martin works as a nurse.

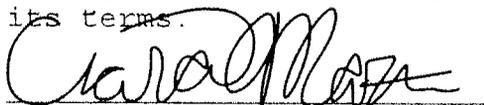
5. Any deviation from the terms of this Order without the prior written consent of the Board shall constitute a failure to comply with the terms of this Order. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that Ms. Martin has violated any term of this Order, her license may be automatically suspended by the Board for a minimum of one year and until further Order of the Board. Within fifteen days following receipt of such notice, Ms. Martin may request a hearing to contest the entry of such an Order. At any such hearing, the sole issue shall be whether any of the information received was materially false. In addition, the Board reserves the right to bring further disciplinary action upon receipt of any new information.

6. No earlier than February 28, 2018 and after having worked on probation as a nurse for a minimum of two years, Ms. Martin may petition the Board, in writing, to have the period of probation lifted. In any such petition, Ms. Martin shall demonstrate full compliance with the terms of this Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: 
Patricia Murphy, PhD, RN
Board President

I have read and understand
the within Consent Order
and agree to be bound by
its terms.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ciara D. Martin", written over a horizontal line.

Ciara D. Martin