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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 LICENSE OF : Administrative Action
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COLETTE ALLEN, R.N. : CONSENT ORDER
License #26NR11530700 :
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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 that on March 9, 2011, Colette Allen, R.N. ("Respondent") failed to follow the hospital policy to timely rescue a patient, K.R., under her care at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital. Additionally, Respondent's notes regarding the incident were inaccurate.

Specifically, on March 9, 2011, Respondent was the per diem nurse in charge of K.R.'s unit. A fellow nurse called to Respondent after he found K.R. unresponsive in the hallway, sitting up against the wall. After Respondent reached the

hallway where K.R. was located, she proceeded to talk to another staff member, but failed to take K.R.'s pulse or assess K.R.'s vital signs. Both Respondent and the other staff member left the scene, only to return a few minutes later. After her return, Respondent placed sheets on the floor, and K.R. was placed onto the sheets. Subsequently, Code Blue was called and CPR was initiated. Within a few hours, K.R. was pronounced dead.

In an incident report completed the same day as K.R.'s death, Respondent stated that upon arriving at the scene CPR was "started . . . immediately." Additionally, Respondent wrote that K.R. had no pulse or blood pressure.

The Board finds Respondent's failure to follow hospital policy to timely rescue a patient to be professional misconduct, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e). Additionally, the Board finds Respondent's documentation of the incident to be a misrepresentation, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The parties desiring to resolve this matter without further proceedings; Respondent waiving any right to a hearing; the Board finding the within resolution adequately protective of the public; and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 26th day of February, 2016

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent is reprimanded for professional misconduct, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), for failure to rescue in violation of hospital policy; and misrepresentation in Respondent's notes, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

2. Respondent shall enroll in, participate in, and successfully complete a Board-approved ethics course within three (3) months of the filing of this Order.

3. Respondent shall provide the Board with proof of successful completion of the ethics course within three (3) months of completion.

4. 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. Failure to comply with this Order may result in subsequent disciplinary proceedings.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: Patricia Murphy
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President

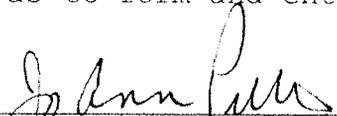
I have read and understand
the within Consent Order
and agree to be bound by
its terms.



Colette Allen, R.N.

Dated:

Consented as to form and entry.



JoAnn Pietro, Esq., R.N.
Attorney for Colette Allen

Dated: