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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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DEBORAH L. MALLOZZI, RN :
License # 26NO11859200 : INTERIM CONSENT ORDER
: OF VOLUNTARY
: SURRENDER 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 which revealed that Deborah Mallozzi, RN ("Respondent") was arrested on or about February 16, 2016, by the Manchester Township Police Department for violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-7.1A(3), Knowingly Engaging in Conduct That Creates a Substantial Risk of Death, and N.J.S.A. 2C:24-8A, Abandonment or Neglect of a Disabled Person.

Information obtained by the Board indicates that on the night of Saturday, January 23, 2016, Respondent was assigned to

care for B.M., a quadriplegic, ventilator-dependent patient, at B.M.'s home. During her shift, Respondent ingested alcohol in an amount that rendered her unable to provide necessary nursing care to B.M. during a life-threatening emergency.

The allegations regarding Respondent's conduct that night, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent engaged in gross negligence, gross malpractice or gross incompetence which damaged or endangered the life, health, welfare safety or property of any person, within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c); engaged in professional misconduct, within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e); has engaged in acts constituting, any crime or offense involving moral turpitude or relating adversely to the activity regulated by the board, within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f); is incapable, for medical or any other good cause, of discharging the functions of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare, within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(i); and is presently engaged in drug or alcohol use that is likely to impair the ability to practice the profession or occupation with reasonable skill and safety, within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(l), all of which provide a basis for disciplinary action against Respondent's license.

It appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter

into an interim agreement without making admissions and without prejudice to her ability to defend any action brought based on the above allegations, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare; and other good cause having been shown;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS 22nd DAY OF March, 2016,

ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent hereby voluntarily surrenders her license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey, to be deemed a temporary suspension, pending the resolution of any and all charges against her, until Respondent demonstrates that she is fit and competent to practice, until the Board's designated intervention program (the Recovery and Monitoring Program) supports her return to active practice, and until further Order of the Board. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, forward her nursing license, both wallet and wall versions, to the Board's attorney, Joshua M. Bengal, DAG, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a Registered Professional Nurse in the state of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of nursing in the state of New Jersey pending further Order of the

Board.

3. Prior to any reinstatement, Respondent shall undergo a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation under the auspices of the Recovery and Monitoring Program of the Institute for Nursing ("RAMP") and shall gain RAMP's support for reinstatement.

4. Respondent expressly waives any claim to privilege or confidentiality that she may have concerning RAMP reports and disclosures to the Board, and use by the Board of that information in any licensing proceedings. All costs associated with the evaluation and/or monitoring outlined above shall be the responsibility of, and paid directly by, Respondent.

5. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of Respondent.

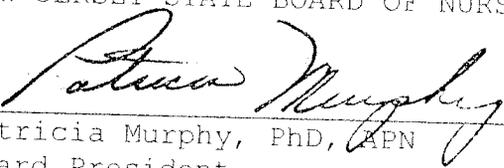
6. The entry of this Order is without prejudice to the further investigation of and/or prosecution for any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing nursing practice in the state of New Jersey or any other violations of law by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.

7. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating further disciplinary action based upon Respondent's conduct,

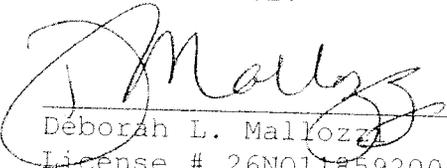
including her conduct as alleged above. Respondent shall appear before the Board prior to any reinstatement of her license and the Board may impose discipline or restrictions at the time of Respondent's petition for reinstatement.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President

I have read and understand this Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the form and entry of this Order.


Deborah L. Mallozzi
License # 26N011859200

I have reviewed this Order with my client and consent to the form and entry of this Order.


William P. Cunningham, Esq.
Counsel for Deborah L. Mallozzi