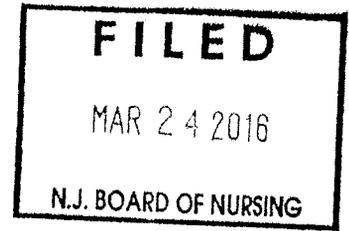


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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 BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :	Administrative Action
ROSELINE A. OPARA, R.N. :	CONSENT ORDER
License #26NR14208000 :	
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 indicating that on January 9, 2012, Roseline A. Opara, R.N. ("Respondent") failed to take any preventative action after receiving a suicide note from a patient under her care at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital ("Greystone"). Later that night, the patient, B.N., attempted suicide.

B.N. reported handing a note to a male nurse, D.U. Greystone's surveillance footage shows a note being carried by a Greystone male staffer at around 8:04 p.m. Another staffer, A.O., confirmed B.N. gave D.U. the note and that the note

contained statements about B.N. wanting to hurt herself. According to D.U., B.N. gave him the note around 8:00 p.m., and he took the note straight to Respondent, the charge nurse. He said he read the contents of the note to Respondent before handing it to her. Greystone staff responded to B.N.'s suicide attempt around 9:41 p.m.

Respondent concedes D.U. handed her the note prior to B.N.'s suicide attempt, but states that the note was folded and that D.U. did not read the note to her or tell her of its contents. Further, Respondent asserts that she was unable to read the contents of the note due to an intervening psychiatric emergency involving a different patient, C.V. According to Greystone video records, the incident involving C.V. only lasted from approximately 8:40 p.m. until 9:15 p.m.

Additionally, Respondent acknowledges that she did not mention the note in B.N.'s progress notes or in any related reports. Respondent also did not mention the note in the incident report form she completed. According to Respondent, she did not retain possession of the note and believed the note "must [have] gotten lost."

The Board finds Respondent's actions constitute gross negligence endangering the life of B.N., pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c).

The parties desiring to resolve this matter without further proceedings; Respondent making no admissions; Respondent waiving any right to a hearing; the Board finding the within resolution adequately protective of the public; and for other good cause shown;

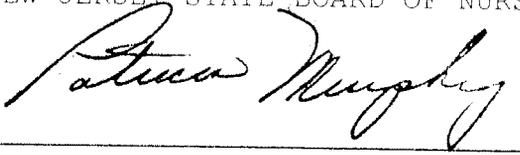
IT IS on this 24th day of March, 2016

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

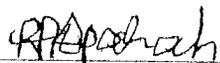
1. Respondent is reprimanded for gross negligence endangering the life of B.N., pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c).

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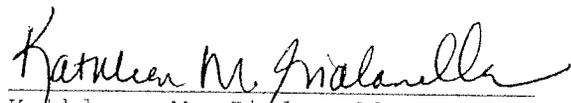
By:


Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President

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


Roseline A. Opara, R.N.
Dated:

Consented as to form and entry.


Kathleen M. Gialanella, Esq.
Attorney for Roseline A. Opara
Dated: