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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action  
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: **FINAL ORDER**  
**JERRI LIPARI, RN** : **OF DISCIPLINE**  
**License # 26NO12143000** : :  
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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 which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Jerri Lipari ("Respondent") is a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On or about April 27, 2015, Respondent completed and submitted an online biennial renewal application. Respondent was asked on the biennial renewal application whether Respondent would have "completed the required continuing education credits by May 31, 2015," referring to the biennial renewal period of June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2015. Respondent answered "Yes" and certified that answer by submitting the online application. Respondent also answered "Yes" to the question which asked whether Respondent completed the required one hour course on Organ and Tissue Donation.

3. The Board sent a letter of inquiry requesting, in part, documentation of completed continuing education to Respondent's address of record in Milltown, New Jersey, via regular and certified mail on or about July 15, 2015. The regular mailing was not returned. The certified mail was signed upon delivery in July 18, 2015.

4. On or around September 18, 2015, Respondent received certification for successful completion of thirty (31) hours of continuing education, which is to the satisfaction of the Board, and has been applied to cure the deficiency of the June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2015 biennial period.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3(b), nurses are required to complete a minimum of thirty (30) hours of continuing education during the preceding biennial period in order to renew their licenses. By February 7, 2014, every Registered Professional Nurse was required to complete a one hour course on organ and tissue donation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3(j). Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3(f), nurses are required to maintain documentation of completion of continuing education for a period of four years after completion, and shall submit such documentation to the Board upon request.

Respondent failed to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Board, that Respondent completed the continuing education credits required for renewal during the biennial period of June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2015. The Board therefore finds Respondent in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3(b) and 13:37-5.3(f), which in turn subjects Respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

Respondent's use of dishonesty and misrepresentation during the license renewal process in falsifying the continuing education information constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), subjecting Respondent to sanctions.

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline suspending respondent's license to practice nursing in the state of New Jersey was entered on December 14, 2015 and a copy served on respondent. The provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 pm on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal 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 Order and provided a money order for the amount of \$250.00. Respondent's submissions were reviewed by the Board, and the Board determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that the material discrepancies had been raised. The board was not persuaded that the submitted material merited further consideration, as respondent did not dispute the Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016,

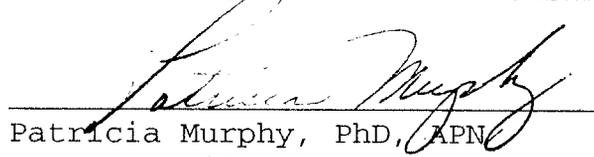
**ORDERED that:**

1. A reprimand is imposed on Respondent for misrepresenting the continuing education information on the license renewal application.

2. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for failing to timely complete required continuing education.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN  
Board President