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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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PATRICIA A. MYLES, RN	:	ORDER OF SUSPENSION
License #26NO10078400	:	OF LICENSE
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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 the following:

1. Patricia A. Myles ("Respondent") is a Registered Professional Nurse ("RN") in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all relevant times. (Exhibit A).
2. Respondent entered into a Private Letter Agreement

("PLA") with the Board on August 28, 2015. The agreement required, in part, that Respondent enroll in and comply with the Board's designated intervention program, the Recovery and Monitoring Program ("RAMP"), to undergo evaluation, monitoring, and treatment, including random screens. The agreement, which was to remain private and confidential unless and until the Board received reliable information that Respondent had violated any term, was to have the force and effect of a Board Order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4. (Exhibit B).

3. Respondent failed to follow the recommendations of RAMP for treatment by being discharged from an intensive outpatient program for non-attendance and failure to respond to the program's calls. (Exhibit C).

4. Respondent failed to follow RAMP's recommendation to limit her nursing practice by failing to place her license on inactive status. (Exhibit C).

5. Respondent missed multiple check-ins with the online monitoring system that requires daily check-ins and randomly schedules urine screens. (Exhibit C).

6. Respondent failed to undergo randomly scheduled urine screens. (Exhibit C).

7. Respondent failed to follow the recommendations of

RAMP by failing to respond to RAMP's efforts to redirect her towards compliance. (Exhibit C).

8. Respondent ceased participating with RAMP as of November 12, 2015 and failed to remain in RAMP until successful completion of, or release from, the program. (Exhibit C).

9. RAMP cannot assure the Board or the public that Respondent is safe to practice. (Exhibit C).

10. On March 18, 2016, a communication was sent to Respondent at her address of record and at her last known address by overnight and regular mail, advising Respondent that the Board had received information indicating that she was not in compliance with the private letter agreement, and with her agreement with RAMP. Respondent was further advised to provide the Board with proof of any inaccuracy in that information within two weeks. (Exhibit D). Respondent telephoned the author of the communication on March 21, 2016 and left an unrelated message, but did not respond to the letter or provide any information.

11. The PLA signed by Respondent provided for automatic suspension of Respondent's nursing license upon receipt of reliable information indicating that Respondent had violated any term of the PLA. The agreement states that Respondent may, upon

notice to the Board, request a hearing to contest the automatic suspension; however, at any such hearing, the sole issue shall be whether any of the information received regarding Respondent's violation of the agreement was materially false. The Board also reserved the right to bring further disciplinary action. (Exhibit B.)

12. Respondent violated the PLA by: failing to follow the recommendations of RAMP for treatment by being discharged from an intensive outpatient program for non-attendance and failing to respond to the program's calls; failing to follow RAMP's recommendation to limit her nursing practice by failing to place her license on inactive status; missing multiple check-ins with the online monitoring system that requires daily check-ins and randomly scheduled urine screens; failing to undergo randomly scheduled urine screens; failing to follow RAMP's recommendations by failing to respond to RAMP's efforts to redirect her towards compliance; and by ceasing participation with RAMP as of November 12, 2015 and failing to remain in RAMP until successful completion of or release from the program. Each violation of the PLA constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4, subjecting Respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), and automatic suspension of her license as provided

in the PLA.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 2nd day of June, 2016,

HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey is hereby suspended for her violation of the terms of the private letter agreement as set forth above, which is a violation of a Board Order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

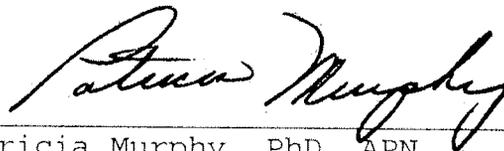
2. Respondent may, under the terms of the private letter agreement, request a hearing, upon notice, on the sole issue of whether information received that Respondent has failed to comply with the terms of the private letter agreement was materially false.

3. The Board will not entertain an application for reinstatement from Respondent unless and until Respondent completes a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation under the auspices of the Board's designated intervention program, the Recovery And Monitoring Program ("RAMP"), demonstrates that she is fit and competent to practice nursing, that she is in full compliance with any agreement with RAMP, that RAMP supports her return to practice, demonstrates that she is up-to-date with her continuing education, and in

full compliance with the terms of the private letter agreement.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Murphy", written over a horizontal line.

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President