

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
BUREAU OF HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS**

In Re: Kara L. Taylor, R.N.

Petition No. 2003-0529-010-047

**CONSENT ORDER**

WHEREAS, Kara L. Taylor (hereinafter "respondent") of Milford, Connecticut has been issued license number E49294 to practice as a registered nurse by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. During April 2003, respondent was employed as the Director of Nursing Services at The Mary Wade Home in New Haven, CT.
2. On or about April 17, 2003, respondent was informed of an allegation of sexual abuse of a facility resident.
3. Respondent failed to timely notify the appropriate authorities of the allegation of abuse, and/or to ensure that an physician assessment of the resident was completed, in a timely manner.
4. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-99(b), including but not limited to §20-99(b)(2).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing but, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board"),

this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if ordered after a full hearing pursuant to §§19a-9, 19a-10, and 20-99(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-99(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives her right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's license number E49294 to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
3. Respondent shall comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations applicable to her profession.
4. Respondent's license number E49294 to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby placed on probation for three months, subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - A. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to all current and future employers for the duration of her probation.
  - B. Respondent shall not be employed as a nurse for a personnel provider service, assisted living services agency, homemaker - home health aide agency, or home health care agency, and shall not be self-employed as a nurse for the period of her probation.
  - C. Respondent shall notify the Board and the Department in writing of any change of employment within fifteen (15) days of such change.
  - D. Respondent shall notify the Board and the Department of any change in her home or business address within fifteen (15) days of such change.

- E. During the probationary period, respondent shall attend and successfully complete a four (4) hour remedial education course in patient rights and the reporting requirements of Connecticut General Statutes Section 17b-407, pre-approved by the Department. Within 1 month of the completion of such coursework, respondent shall provide the Department with proof, to the Department's satisfaction, of the successful completion of such course(s).
- F. If respondent pursues further training or is engaged at the time of the implementation of the Consent Order, in an educational program in any subject area that is regulated by the Department, respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to the educational institution or, if not an institution, to respondent's instructor. Such institution or instructor shall notify the Department of receipt of the Consent Order within fifteen (15) days of receipt.
- G. All reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department of Public Health.
- H. All correspondence and reports shall be addressed to:

Bonnie Pinkerton  
Department of Public Health  
Division of Health Systems Regulation  
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR  
P.O. Box 340308  
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

- 5. Any violation of the terms of this Consent Order without prior written approval by the Board shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek revocation of respondent's nursing license following notice and an opportunity to be heard.

6. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Board shall not be a waiver or preclude the Board's right to take action at a later time. The Board shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
7. Legal notice of any action shall be deemed sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification of the Bureau of Healthcare Systems of the Department.
8. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the month in which this Consent Order is approved and accepted by the Board.
9. Respondent understands this Consent Order is a matter of public record.
10. Respondent understands this Consent Order may be considered as evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Board in which (1) her compliance with this same Consent Order is at issue, or (2) her compliance with §20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
11. In the event respondent violates a term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a registered nurse, upon request by the Department, with notice to the Board, for a period not to exceed 45 days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation, and to submit to and complete a medical, psychiatric or psychological evaluation, if requested to do so by the Department; and, that the results of the evaluation shall be submitted directly to the Department. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45 day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall be considered by

- the Board and shall be given due weight by the Board in determining whether respondent's conduct constitutes a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c). The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether a summary suspension is ordered.
12. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license before the Board.
  13. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 and 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any other rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
  14. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
  15. Respondent has had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
  16. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Bureau Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Statewide Prosecution Bureau.

I, Kara L. Taylor, have read the above Consent Order, and I agree to the terms set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Kara L. Taylor  
Kara L. Taylor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 2005.

My commission expires 3/31/10

[Signature]  
Notary Public or person authorized by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 8th day of July, 2005, it is hereby accepted.

Jennifer Filippone  
Jennifer Filippone  
Public Health Services Manager  
Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification  
Bureau of Healthcare Systems

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing on the 20 day of July, 2005, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

BY: Nancy J. Balfanz  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

November 9, 2005

Kara Taylor, R.N.  
36 Shadows End Lane  
Milford, CT 06460

Re: Consent Order  
Petition No. 2003-0529-010-047  
License No. E49294

Dear Ms. Taylor:

Please accept this letter as notice that you have satisfied the terms of your license probation, effective November 1, 2005.

Notice will be sent to the Department's Licensure and Registration section to remove all restrictions from your license related to the above-referenced Consent Order.

Please be certain to retain this letter as documented proof that you have completed your license probation.

Thank you for your cooperation during this process.

Respectfully,

*Bonnie Pinkerton*  
Bonnie Pinkerton, RN, Nurse Consultant  
Practitioner Licensing and Investigation Section

cc: ✓ Jennifer Filippone  
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