

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES**

In Re: Melinda Ryan, R.N.

Petition No. 970124-010-005

**CONSENT ORDER**

WHEREAS, Melinda Ryan, R.N., (hereinafter "respondent") of Hartford, Connecticut has been issued license number E49365 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, respondent hereby admits and acknowledges that:

1. In January of 1997, she took, without an authorization, the non-controlled substances potassium and lasix for her own personal use from Meadowbrook Manor in Granby, Connecticut.
2. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-99(b)(2).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations at a hearing in front of the Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board").

Respondent further agrees that this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if ordered after a full hearing pursuant to §§19a-10 and 20-99(b) 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:

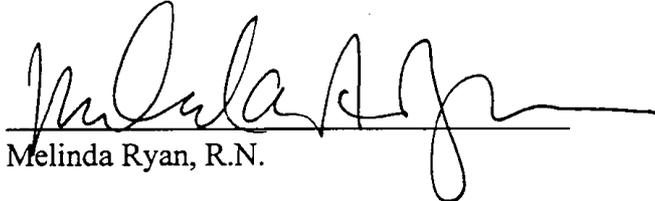
1. Respondent waives her right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent shall comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations applicable to her profession.
3. Respondent's license number E49365 to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
4. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
5. 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.
6. Respondent understands this Consent Order is a matter of public record.
7. 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.
8. 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 she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

9. 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.
10. Respondent has had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

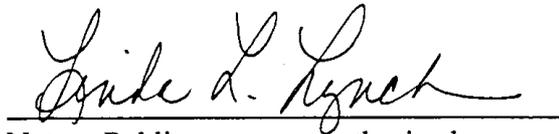
I, Melinda Ryan, R.N., have read the above Consent Order, and I agree to the terms set forth therein.

I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

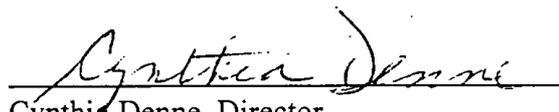
  
Melinda Ryan, R.N.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1997.

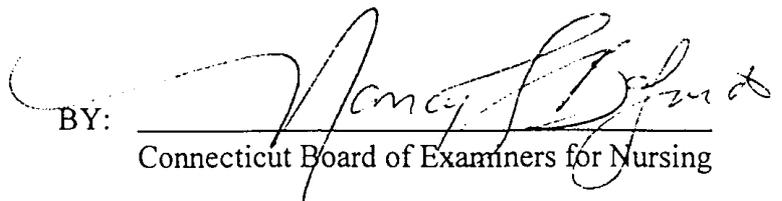
LINDA L. LYNCH  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAR. 31, 2000

  
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 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1997, it is hereby accepted.

  
Cynthia Denne, Director  
Division of Health Systems Regulation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1997, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

BY:   
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing