

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

In Re: Kathryn Piscitello, R.N.

Petition No. 2008-0415-010-046

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Kathryn Piscitello:

FIRST COUNT

1. Kathryn Piscitello of North Haven, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license number E50257.
2. At all relevant times, respondent was employed as a registered nurse at Clintonville Manor (hereinafter "the Manor"), North Haven, Connecticut.
3. During January 2008, respondent made medication errors with the residents at the Manor.
4. The above 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).

SECOND COUNT

5. Paragraph one is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
6. The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board") ordered a Reinstatement Consent Order in Petition Number 2004-0107-010-001 (hereinafter "the Reinstatement Order") that placed respondent's registered nurse nursing license on probation for a period of four years, effective July 1, 2004. Such disciplinary action was based upon respondent's admitted diversions of controlled substances.
7. Respondent admitted that she violated this Reinstatement Order Consent Order by using a cough syrup that was prescribed for someone else, and the Board ordered a Consent Order in Petition No. 2008-0103-010-004 that extended the licensure probation by six months.

8. Said Reinstatement Order specifically provided that respondent abstain from using drugs unless prescribed or recommended for a legitimate therapeutic purpose by a licensed health care professional, that she provide employer reports documenting her ability to safely and competently practice nursing, and that she provide therapist reports documenting her ability to safely and competently practice nursing.
9. During January 2008, respondent's employment at the Manor was terminated due to practice issue(s) and medication errors.
10. During April 2008, respondent ingested an unknown quantity of Xanax.
11. During April 2008 the Department received notification from respondent's therapist that respondent may be unable to practice nursing with skill and safety.
12. Respondent's abuse and/or excessive use of controlled substances does, and/or may, affect her practice as a registered nurse.
13. Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes violations of the terms of probation as set forth in the Consent Order, and subjects respondent's license to revocation or other disciplinary action authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-17 and 20-99(b).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing, as authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§20-99(b) and 19a-17, revoke or order other disciplinary action against the license of Kathryn Piscitello as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 14th day of May 2008.



Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief
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