

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

In re: Doreen Flaherty, R.N.

Petition No. 2007-0213-010-011

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 Doreen Flaherty:

COUNT ONE

1. Doreen Flaherty of Old Lyme (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license number E52921.
2. From approximately 2001 until June 2003, respondent was employed as a registered nurse at Gladeview Healthcare.
3. From approximately March 2003 to June 2003, while working as a registered nurse at Gladeview Healthcare, respondent:
 - a. diverted morphine and/or Fentanyl;
 - b. failed to completely, properly and/or accurately document medical or hospital records; and/or
 - c. falsified one or more Controlled Substance Receipt Records.
4. On or about March 9, 2003, while working as a registered nurse at Gladeview Healthcare, respondent ordered morphine from the pharmacy for a patient who had been discharged, with the intention of using the morphine herself to commit suicide.
5. Respondent admitted that she self-administered morphine prior to reporting to work, and therefore was impaired while working.
6. During approximately March 2003 until June 2003, respondent abused or utilized to excess Morphine and/or Fentanyl.
7. Respondent's abuse of morphine and/or Fentanyl does, and/or may, affect her practice as a registered nurse.

8. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-99(b) including but not limited to:
- a. §20-99(b)(2);
 - b. §20-99(b)(5); and/or
 - c. §20-99(b)(6).

COUNT TWO

9. Paragraph one is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
10. Pursuant to a Memorandum of Decision issued by the Board of Examiners for Nursing in Petition Number 2003-0709-010-060 on June 16, 2004, respondent's license was placed on probation for four years.
11. Paragraph 3.M. of the Memorandum of Decision states that respondent shall not use any drug that has not been prescribed for a legitimate therapeutic purpose. Paragraph 3.L.(3) of the Memorandum of Decision states that respondent's urine screens shall be negative for the presence of drugs and alcohol.
12. On or about January 25, 2007, respondent tested positive for cocaine.
13. Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes violations of the terms of probation as set forth in the Memorandum of Decision, 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 Doreen Flaherty as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 26th day of March 2007.



Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief
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