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In re: Laura Bivona, R.N. Petition No. 2005-0809-010-066

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 Laura Bivona:

1. Laura Bivona of Stratford (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license number R33012.

2. On or about April 17, 2005, while working as a registered nurse at St. Vincent's Special Needs Center in Trumbull, CT, respondent:

   a. failed to adequately perform her role as nursing supervisor;

   b. failed to ensure that the L.P.N. on duty was appropriately trained and/or was competent to care for a medically fragile 3-year old child with a tracheostomy; and/or

   c. failed to ensure that the St. Vincent's Special Needs Center was adequately staffed to meet the needs of the children.

3. 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).

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 Laura Bivona as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 4th day of March 2008.

Jennifer Filippone

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief
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