

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

In re: Marcus Hassell, R.N.

Petition No. 2007-0413-010-027

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 Marcus Hassell, R.N.:

COUNT ONE

1. Marcus Hassell, R.N. of Seymour, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license number R35245.
2. In February and March 2007 respondent was employed as a nurse at Shoreline Dialysis in Branford, Connecticut during which time respondent practiced nursing below the standard care in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. Respondent failed to draw blood for BUN testing on four post-dialysis patients;
 - b. Respondent went into the isolation room to use the computer for personal use and left one of his patients alone on a dialysis machine;
 - c. Respondent left air in the systems of dialysis machines;
 - d. Respondent drew blood for a post BUN testing from a patient's access catheter instead of drawing the specimen from the blood lines before returning the blood to the patient;
 - e. Respondent ran a saline bag dry leading to air being introduced into the system and causing the system to be lost;
 - f. Respondent left syringes opened and un-capped on a patient's chair well in advance of when they were to be used; and/or,
 - g. Respondent placed three needles/syringes into the trash.
3. 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).

COUNT TWO

4. Paragraph(s) one and two are incorporated by reference as if set forth in full.
5. On October 20, 2004 the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board") issued a Memorandum of Decision placing respondent's license on probation for a period of four (4) years.
6. Said Memorandum of Decision required respondent to submit reports from his employer stating his ability to safely and competently practice nursing.

7. In a report dated March 28, 2007 respondent's supervisor at Shoreline Dialysis issued a report stating that respondent failed to follow proper procedures and his ability to practice safely was questionable. On April 4, 2007, respondent's employment was terminated for unsatisfactory performance.
8. 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 Marcus Hassell, R.N. as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 10th day of May 2007.



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