

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

In re: Shawn Howard, R.N.

Petition No. 2004-0803-010-064

SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

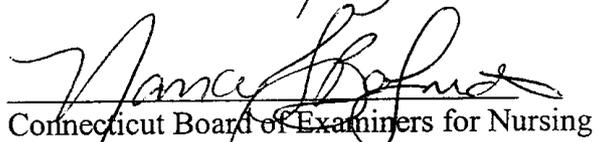
WHEREAS, the affidavits, duly verified, allege facts which show violations of §20-99(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and which imperatively require emergency action in that the public health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the State of Connecticut is in clear and immediate danger; and,

Pursuant to the authority of §4-182(c) and §19a-17(c), pending the hearing set for the 1st day of SEPTEMBER 2004, at 11:30 a.m.

It is hereby ORDERED, by vote of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board") that license number R55588 of Shawn Howard to practice nursing in the State of Connecticut is summarily suspended pending a final determination by the Board regarding the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges.

If suspended: Further it is hereby ordered by vote of the Board that Shawn Howard immediately surrender his license number R55588 to the Board, 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #13PHO, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308 upon notification of this Order.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 18 day of August 2004.


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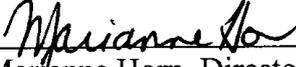
Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Shawn Howard:

1. Shawn Howard of Torrington, CT (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license number R55588.
2. On or about May 19, 2004, the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board") ordered a Consent Order in Petition Number 2004-0407-010-029 (hereinafter "the Order") that placed respondent's nursing license on probation for a period of four years. Such disciplinary action was based upon respondent's admitted diversions of Demerol and other opiates, and his intermittent abuse of alcohol.
3. Said Order specifically required, among other things, that respondent not obtain or use controlled substances, legend drugs or alcohol in any form unless prescribed or recommended for a legitimate therapeutic purpose by a licensed health care professional authorized to prescribe medications.
4. On or about July 31, 2004, while working as a registered nurse at New Milford Hospital's Emergency Department, respondent attempted to divert oxycontin from a patient's personal stock; and/or
5. On or about August 2, 2004, respondent informed the Department that from the second week of June 2004 until July 31, 2004, he intermittently drank alcohol.
6. Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes violations of the terms of probation as set forth in the May 2004 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 Shawn Howard as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 16th day of August, 2004.



Marianne Horn, Director
Division of Health Systems Regulation
Bureau of Healthcare Systems

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