STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH

In re: Lorna Lowenski Torres Petition No. 2010-47

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Lorna Lowenski Torres, of Woodbridge, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 013485 to practice as a practical nurse by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department has received information regarding respondent's use and/or abuse of controlled substances.

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to conduct further investigation, and the parties wish to provide for the protection of the public during the interim.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and 20-99 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, the parties hereby stipulate to the following:

1. Respondent's license number 13485 as a practical nurse shall be suspended until such time as this petition is resolved.
2. Respondent shall surrender her license number 13485 to the Board immediately upon approval of this Interim Consent Order by the Board.
3. Respondent shall withdraw any pending applications for renewal of her license immediately upon approval of this Interim Consent Order by the Board, and shall not apply for renewal of her

license until either the expiration of this Interim Consent Order or the dismissal of the pending complaint, whichever occurs first.

4. Respondent shall execute releases for her treatment records, as requested by the Department.

5. This stipulation shall not deprive respondent of her right to a hearing on the merits of this case, nor shall it be construed as an admission of any fact or waiver of any right to which respondent may be entitled, other than as specifically provided for herein.

6. This Interim Consent Order shall become effective on the day it is approved and entered by the Board.

7. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Interim Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Interim Consent Order is approved or accepted.

8. I understand and agree that this Interim Consent Order is a public document.

9. Respondent has had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

10. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Bureau Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Statewide Prosecution Bureau. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only, and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.

11. I understand that although this Interim Consent Order is not a final order it is reportable to the Health Care Integrity and Protection Data Bank and the National Practitioner Data Bank.

12. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this consent order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof.

I, Lorna Lowenski Torres, have read the above Interim Consent Order, and I agree to the terms set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Interim Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Lorna Lowenski Torres, LPN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April 2010.

Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or
affirmation My Commission Expires: 01-31-12

The above Interim Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 28th day of April 2010, it is hereby accepted.

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations
Healthcare Systems Branch

The above Interim Consent Order having been presented to the Board of Examiners for Nursing on the 5th day of May 2010, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

BY: Patricia C Bruff
Board of Examiners for Nursing