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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

IN RE:

ELIZABETH M. ANTHONY, L.P.N.
18 Altieri Drive
North Branford, Connecticut 06417

License Number 014201

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The Board of Examiners for Nursing was presented by the Department of Health Services with a Notice of Hearing and Complaint dated October 19, 1981.

The Statement of Charges alleged violations of certain provisions of Chapter 378, Connecticut General Statutes. The Notice of Hearing provided that the hearing would take place on November 10, 1981 at 11:00 a.m. in the Department of Health Services, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Each member of the Board of Examiners for Nursing involved in this decision attests that he/she has reviewed the record, and that this decision is based entirely on the record.

FACT

1. Elizabeth M. Anthony, L.P.N., the respondent, was at all pertinent times licensed to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse in Connecticut, with registration number 014201.

2. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 4-182(c), the respondent was provided a full opportunity prior to the institution of agency action to show compliance with all terms for the retention of her license.

3. While employed as a licensed practical nurse at Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut, the respondent (a) unlawfully diverted Pantopan, Morphine, Meperidine and Secobarbital from hospital stock for her own use; and (b) unlawfully and wilfully falsified entries on hospital proof of use sheets (records) pertaining to drugs and forged thereon the signatures of nurses who had worked on previous duty shifts.

4. The activities referenced in paragraph 3 were discovered by drug control agent Richard G. Moore, during an investigation which took place during January and February, 1981.

DISCUSSION

FIRST COUNT

5. The First Count alleges that the respondent violated the following provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-99 by unlawfully diverting Pantopan, Morphine, Meperidine and Secobarbital from hospital stocks for her own use while employed as a licensed practical nurse at Yale-New Haven Hospital:

... (b) (2) illegal conduct, incompetence or negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions.

... (b) (5) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals...

The inescapable conclusion to draw from the facts found by the Board is that the respondent has violated Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-99 as specified in the First Count.

SECOND COUNT

6. The Second Count alleges that the respondent violated the following provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-99 by unlawfully and wilfully falsifying entries on hospital proof of use sheets pertaining to drugs and by forging thereon the names of nurses on a previous duty shift while employed as a licensed practical nurse at Yale-New Haven Hospital:

... (b) (2) illegal conduct, incompetence or negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions.

... (b) (6) fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities...

The inescapable conclusion to draw from the facts found by the Board is that the respondent has violated Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-99 as specified in the Second Count.

ORDER

7. It is the unanimous decision of the Board of Examiners for Nursing that:

(a). The license of the respondent be suspended for a total period of six months determined as follows:

i. as to the First Count, suspension for a period of three months, commencing February 15, 1982;

ii. as to the Second Count, suspension for a period of three months, which period is to follow consecutively that specified as to the First Count.

(b). At the end of said suspension, the respondent may be reinstated after submission of medical documentation that she is able to resume the practice of nursing.

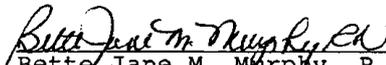
8. The respondent, Elizabeth M. Anthony, is hereby directed to surrender her license and current registration to the Board of Examiners for Nursing at 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06115 by February 15, 1982.

9. The Board of Examiners for Nursing herewith advises the Department of Health Services of the State of Connecticut of this decision and directs that the certificate of registration license of Elizabeth M. Anthony, L.P.N. be suspended in accordance herewith.

Dated at Hartford , Connecticut this 26th day of January, 1982.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

BY:


Bette Jane M. Murphy, R.N.
Chairman