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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

IN RE:

LORRAINE R. JELLIFFE, L.P.N.
943 First Avenue
West Haven, Connecticut 06516

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The Board of Examiners for Nursing was presented by the Department of Health Services with a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges dated April 2, 1982.

The Statement of Charges alleged violations of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-99(b). The Notice of Hearing provided that the hearing would take place on April 22, 1982 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.

FACTS

1. Lorraine R. Jelliffe, respondent, was at all pertinent times licensed to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse in Connecticut, with registration number R-14975.

2. Pursuant To Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-182(c), the respondent was provided a full opportunity prior to the institution of agency action to show compliance with all the terms for the retention of her license.

3. While employed as a licensed practical nurse at West Haven Convalescent Home, West Haven, Connecticut, the respondent, on or about November 14, 1981; a) unlawfully diluted a controlled substance, namely, Demerol, the results of which

may have been detrimental to the health of one or more patients;
b) unlawfully diverted for her own use a controlled substance,
namely, Demerol; and c) unlawfully failed to keep proper in-
stitutional and/or patient records concerning a controlled
substance, namely, Demerol.

4. The activities referenced in paragraph 3 were
discovered by Drug Control Agent William P. Cadwell during an
investigation conducted during November, 1981.

DISCUSSION

FIRST COUNT

5. The First Count alleges that the respondent vio-
lated the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-99(b) by unlawfully
diverting for her own use a controlled substance, namely, Demerol,
while on duty and employed as a licensed practical nurse at
West Haven Convalescent Home, West Haven, Connecticut. In
pertinent part, § 20-99(b) forbids:

... (2) illegal conduct, incompetence or
negligence in carrying out usual nursing
functions; ... (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(b) as specified in the First Count.

SECOND COUNT

6. The Second Count alleges that the respondent
violated the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-99(b) by un-
lawfully diluting a controlled substance, namely, Demerol, the
results of which may have been detrimental to the health of

one or more patients in same facility. In pertinent part,
§ 20-99(b) forbids:

... (2) illegal conduct, incompetence or negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions; ... (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(b) as specified in the Second Count.

THIRD COUNT

7. The Third Count alleges that the respondent violated the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-99(b) by unlawfully failing to keep proper institutional and/or patient records concerning a controlled substance, namely, Demerol, while on duty and employed as a licensed practical nurse at the same facility. In pertinent part, § 20-99(b) forbids:

... (2) illegal conduct, incompetence or negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions; ... (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(b) as specified in the Third Count.

ORDER

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

- a. The license of the respondent be revoked.

9. The respondent, Lorraine Jelliffe, is hereby directed to surrender her license and current registration to the Board of Examiners for Nursing, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06115 upon receipt of this decision.

10. 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 registration license of Lorraine Jelliffe be revoked in accordance herewith.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 21st day of July, 1982.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

BY: Bette Jane M. Murphy, R.N.
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Chairman