

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

Department of Health Services v.  
Eileen Lauzier, L.P.N., 018450  
233 Ellington Road  
East Hartford, CT 06108

CASE PETITION NO. 890321-11-006

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

INTRODUCTION

The Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter the "Board") was presented by the Department of Health Services (hereinafter the "Department") with a Motion For Summary Suspension dated, June 20, 1989. The Summary Suspension Order was dated and signed June 22, 1989. The Board was presented with the Statement of Charges dated June 20, 1989.

The Statement of Charges alleged violations of certain provisions of Chapter 378, Connecticut General Statutes. The Board issued a Notice of Hearing dated June 22, 1989. The hearing took place on September 27, 1989 in Room 112, National Guard Armory, Maxim Road, Hartford, Connecticut.

Each member of the Board involved in this decision attests that he/she has reviewed the record, and that this decision is based entirely on the record and their specialized professional knowledge in evaluating the evidence.

## FINDINGS OF FACTS

Based on the testimony given and the exhibits offered into evidence, the Board made the following findings of fact:

1. Eileen Lauzier, hereinafter referred to as the Respondent, was issued Connecticut Licensed Practical Nurse license number 018450 on December 10, 1979;
2. The Respondent was aware of the time and location of the hearing. Department Exhibit 1 indicates that notice of the location and time of this hearing were delivered by Deputy Sheriff to the Respondent.
3. The Respondent, for approximately the last one year, has used the controlled substance cocaine.
4. The Respondent, since approximately March, 1989 has used the controlled substance cocaine intravenously two to three times daily.

## DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

The First Count, Section 2, alleges that for approximately the last one year the Respondent has used the controlled substance cocaine. The Respondent admits this charge (Department Exhibit 1, pgs. 5-7 and Department Exhibit 2, p. 3). Specifically, the Respondent admitted to this activity in a written statement to Jeffrey Kardys, an Investigator of The Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Department of Health Services, dated June 12, 1989.

This conduct is a violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 20-99(b)(5), which includes "... (5) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals...."

Therefore, the Board concludes that Respondent has violated Connecticut General Statutes Section 20-99(b)(5), as specified in the First Count, Section 2.

The First Count, Sections 2 and 3, allege that the Respondent has used the controlled substance cocaine for approximately the last one year and since approximately March, 1989 has used cocaine intravenously two to three times daily. The Respondent admits this charge (Department Exhibit 1, pp. 5, 6 and 7 and Department Exhibit 2, p. 2). Specifically, the Respondent admitted these activities in a written statement to Jeffrey Kardys, an Investigator of The Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Department of Health Services, dated June 12, 1989.

This conduct is a violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 20-99(b)(5), which includes "... (5) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals...." Therefore, the Board concludes that Respondent has violated Connecticut General Statutes Section 20-99(b)(5), as specified in the First Count, Sections 2 and 3.

#### ORDER

It is the decision of those members of the Board of Examiners for Nursing who were present and voting that:

1. The license of the Respondent, for each of Sections 2 and 3 of the First Count, be revoked.
2. The date of this period of revocation shall commence on April 1, 1990.

The Respondent, Eileen Lauzier, is hereby directed to surrender her license and current registration to the Board of Examiners for Nursing, 150 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106, on or before April 1, 1990.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing hereby informs the Respondent and the Department of Health Services of the State of Connecticut of this decision.

Dated at *Hartford*, Connecticut, this *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *February*, 1990.

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By *Bette Jean M. Murphy*

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