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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

CONSENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

SHERRY LYNN MELONAS, L.P.N.

WHEREAS, Sherry Lynn Melonas, L.P.N., of 2578 Whitney Hamden, Connecticut has been issued license No. 20446, to practice as a licensed practical nurse by the Department of Health Services pursuant to Chapter 378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Sherry Lynn Melonas, L.P.N. hereby admits and acknowledges:

1. That during December of 1984, while employed as a licensed practical nurse at Arden House, 850 Mix Avenue in Hamden, CT., she diverted approximately four tablets of the controlled substance Percocet.
2. That she is currently licensed in West Virginia.
3. That she does not have licensure pending in any other state.
4. That she is not currently employed as a licensed practical nurse, nor does she have application pending for employment as such.
5. That by her actions described in (1) above, has violated the provisions of §20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut by failing to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-99(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Sherry Lynn Melonas, L.P.N. hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. That she hereby waives her rights to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. That her license, No. 20446, to practice nursing in the State of Connecticut is hereby suspended for a period of one year.
3. That as a condition precedent to the reinstatement of her license she shall:
  - (a) Remain drug free for the period of said suspension.
  - (b) Provide reports on a monthly basis from a therapist licensed in Connecticut, which reports shall document her drug free state and her ability to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety.
  - (c) Said therapist reports shall be sent to:

Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing  
Department of Health Services  
150 Washington Street  
Hartford, CT 06106
4. That this Consent Order may be considered as evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Board of Examiners for Nursing (1) in which her compliance with this order is at issue, or (2) in which her compliance with §20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
5. That this Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack, or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, that said order is not subject to appeal under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive her of any other rights that she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

- 6. That she understands that this Consent Order is a matter of public record.
- 7. That this Consent Order is effective the first day of the next month after which the seal of the last signatory is affixed to this document.
- 8. That she has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this agreement.

I, Sherry Lynn Melonas, L.P.N., hereby affix my signature, agreeing and admitting to the above, and declare this agreement to be an act performed of my own free will.

Sherry Lynn Melonas L.P.N.  
Sherry Lynn Melonas, L.P.N.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of May 1985.

[Signature]  
Notary Public or person authorized  
by law to administer an oath or  
affirmation. My Commission Expires March 31, 1987

The above consent order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of Health Services on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1985, it is hereby accepted.

[Signature]  
Stanley K. Peck, Director  
Department of Health Services  
Division of Medical Quality Assurance

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Board of Examiners for Nursing on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1985, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Bette Jane M. Murphy, RN  
Bette Jane Murphy, R.N., Chairperson

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