

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

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IN RE:

Ms. Sherry Lynn Melonas

161 Lambert Avenue

Meriden, CT 06450

LIC# 020446

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

INTRODUCTION

The Board of Examiners for Nursing, (hereafter the "Board"), was presented by the Department of Health Services with a Statement of Charges dated January 17, 1986.

The Statement of Charges alleged violations of certain provisions of Chapter 378, Connecticut General Statutes. The Board issued a Notice of Hearing. The Notice of Hearing provided that the hearing would take place on April 30, 1986 in the State Armory, Room 308 at 360 Broad Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

The respondent, Sherry Lynn Melonas, was present at above mentioned hearing, but was not represented by counsel.

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 his/her specialized professional knowledge in evaluating the evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACTS

1. Sherry L. Melonas, respondent, was licensed by endorsement on November 30, 1983, to practice nursing as a Licensed Practical Nurse in Connecticut, pursuant to Chapter 378 of the Connecticut General Statutes, with registration number 020446. The respondent was so licensed at times referenced in this document.

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

3. On 31 May 1985 Sherry Lynn Melonas signed a Consent Order thereby agreeing to a suspension of the above mentioned license for a period of one year.

4. On 12 June 1985 Betty Jane M. Murphy, R.N., Chairperson for the Board of Examiners for Nursing ordered and accepted said Consent Order.

5. Said Consent Order was sent by the Department of Health Services on or about 12 June 1985 to Sherry Lynn Melonas at 2578 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut.

6. Said Consent Order was effective as of 1 July 1985.

7. During July 1985, Sherry Lynn Melonas was registered for employment as a Licensed Practical Nurse with C.G.S. Temporary Services, Hamden, Connecticut.

8. On 1 July 1985 Sherry Lynn Melonas was assigned to work and did work as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Parkview Medical Recovery Center in Hamden, Connecticut.

9. On 2 July 1985 Sherry Lynn Melonas was assigned to work and did work as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven, Connecticut.

10. On 3 July 1985 Sherry Lynn Melonas was assigned to work and did work as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven, Connecticut.

11. On 6 July 1985 Sherry Lynn Melonas was assigned to work and did work as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Cove Manor Convalescent Center in Hamden, Connecticut.

12. On 7 July 1985 Sherry Lynn Melonas was assigned to work and did work as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven, Connecticut.

13. On 8 July 1985 Sherry Lynn Melonas was assigned to work and did work as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven, Connecticut.

#### DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

14. The FIRST COUNT alleges that the respondent violated Connecticut General Statutes, Section 20-99 (b) (2) or (6) on or about 1 July 1985 by working as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Parkview Medical Recovery Center in Hamden, Connecticut. The above conduct is a violation of Connecticut General Statutes 20-99 (b) (2) which forbids "illegal conduct, incompetence or negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions"; and (6) which forbids "fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities."

The Board determined that on 1 July 1985 Sherry Lynn Melonas was assigned to work and did work as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Parkview Medical Recovery Center in Hamden, Connecticut. The respondent admitted to the above Count, and cited financial difficulties as the main reason for continuing work on or after 1 July 1985.

The Board therefore concludes that the respondent has violated Section 20-99(b) as specified in the FIRST Count.

15. The SECOND COUNT alleges that the respondent violated Connecticut General Statutes, Section 20-99 (b) (2) or (6) on or about 2 July 1985 by working as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven, Connecticut. The above conduct is a violation of Connecticut General Statutes 20-99 (b) (2) which forbids "illegal conduct, incompetence or negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions"; and (6) which forbids "fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities."

The Board determined that on 2 July 1985 Sherry Lynn Melonas was assigned to work and did work as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven, Connecticut.

The respondent admitted to the above Count, and cited financial difficulties as the main reason for continuing work on or after 1 July 1985.

The Board therefore concludes that the respondent has violated Section 20-99(b) as specified in the SECOND Count.

16. The THIRD COUNT alleges that the respondent violated Connecticut General Statutes, Section 20-99 (b) (2) or (6) on or about 3 July 1985 by working as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven, Connecticut. The above

conduct is a violation of Connecticut General Statutes 20-99 (b) (2) which forbids "illegal conduct, incompetence or negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions"; and (6) which forbids "fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities."

The Board determined that on 3 July 1985 Sherry Lynn Melonas was assigned to work and did work as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven, Connecticut.

The respondent admitted to the above Count, and cited financial difficulties as the main reason for continuing work on or after 1 July 1985.

The Board therefore concludes that the respondent has violated Section 20-99(b) as specified in the THIRD Count.

17. The FOURTH COUNT alleges that the respondent violated Connecticut General Statutes, Section 20-99 (b) (2) or (6) on or about 6 July 1985 by working as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Cove Manor Convalescent Center in Hamden, Connecticut. The above conduct is a violation of Connecticut General Statutes 20-99 (b) (2) which forbids "illegal conduct, incompetence or negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions"; and (6) which forbids "fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities."

The Board determined that on 6 July 1985 Sherry Lynn Melonas was assigned to work and did work as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Cove Manor Convalescent Center in Hamden, Connecticut.

The respondent admitted to the above Count, and cited financial difficulties as the main reason for continuing work on or after 1 July 1985.

The Board therefore concludes that the respondent has violated Section 20-99(b) as specified in the FOURTH Count.

18. The FIFTH COUNT alleges that the respondent violated Connecticut General Statutes, Section 20-99 (b) (2) or (6) on or about 7 July 1985 by working as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven, Connecticut. The above conduct is a violation of Connecticut General Statutes 20-99 (b) (2) which forbids "illegal conduct, incompetence or negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions"; and (6) which forbids "fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities."

The Board determined that on 7 July 1985 Sherry Lynn Melonas was assigned to work and did work as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven, Connecticut.

The respondent admitted to the above Count, and cited financial difficulties as the main reason for continuing work on or after 1 July 1985.

The Board therefore concludes that the respondent has violated Section 20-99(b) as specified in the FIFTH Count.

19. The SIXTH COUNT alleges that the respondent violated Connecticut General Statutes, Section 20-99 (b) (2) or (6) on or about 8 July 1985 by working as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven, Connecticut. The above conduct is a violation of Connecticut General Statutes 20-99 (b) (2) which forbids "illegal conduct, incompetence or negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions"; and (6) which forbids "fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities."

The Board determined that on 8 July 1985 Sherry Lynn Melonas was assigned to work and did work as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven, Connecticut.

The respondent admitted to the above Count, and cited financial difficulties as the main reason for continuing work on or after 1 July 1985.

The Board therefore concludes that the respondent has violated Section 20-99(b) as specified in the SIXTH Count.

ORDER

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

- a. The license of the respondent be suspended for a minimum period of two months determined as follows:
  - i. as to the First Count, two months suspension.
  - ii. as to the Second Count, two months suspension.
  - iii. as to the Third Count, two months suspension.
  - iv. as to the Fourth Count, two months suspension.
  - v. as to the Fifth Count, two months suspension.
  - vi. as to the Sixth Count, two months suspension.

vii. the two month suspensions for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Counts are to run concurrently with each other.

viii. the two month suspension above referenced in (vii) shall run consecutively to the previous one year suspension, executed through Consent Order, ordered June 12, 1985 and effective July 1, 1985, for a total effective suspension of 14 months.

b. The said two months period of suspension shall commence on July 1, 1986.

c. The respondent shall be eligible to apply for reinstatement of her Practical Nurse license on September 1, 1986. At that time she is to present documentation to the Board of Examiners for Nursing documenting that she has met the conditions of her Consent Order ordered June 12, 1985.

21. The Board of Examiners for Nursing herewith advises the Department of Health Services of the State of Connecticut of this decision.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1986.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

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