

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
BUREAU OF HEALTH SYSTEM REGULATION  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

In re: Joan Mealey, L.P.N.

Petition No. 891101-11-021

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Joan Mealey of Middletown, Connecticut has been issued license number ~~022884~~ 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, Joan Mealey hereby admits and acknowledges that:

1. During January 1989 and subsequent thereto, while working as a nurse at Middlesex Memorial Hospital in Middletown, Connecticut she diverted to herself the controlled substances Valium, Halcion and Tylenol #3.
2. Approximately September 1988, while employed as a nurse in the state of Washington, she began diverting Valium, Halcion and Tylenol #3.
3. She abused or utilized to excess said medications.
4. She falsified one or more controlled substance administration record.
5. She is licensed as a nurse in Connecticut and Washington.
6. The conduct described in 1. through 4 inclusive, fails to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession in violation of §20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-99(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Joan Mealey hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. That she waives the right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. That her license number 022884 to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Connecticut is on ~~probation for three years~~.
3. That her probation is subject to the following conditions:
  - A.
    - 1.) She shall engage in counseling with a licensed or certified therapist at her own expense.
    - 2) She shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to her therapist.
    - 3.) She shall be responsible for the provision of bi-monthly reports from her therapist for the three years of probation; said reports are due on the first business day after every second month.
    - 4.) She shall be responsible for providing random urine and/or blood screens for drugs and alcohol at the discretion of her therapist. Said screens shall be legally defensible in that the specimen donor and chain of custody can be identified throughout the screening. She shall be responsible for notifying the laboratory and her therapist of any drug(s) she is taking. There must be at least one such drug and alcohol screen bi-monthly for the period of probation. Said reports shall be negative for drugs and alcohol.
    - 5.) Said reports cited in 3.A.3. and 3.A.4. above shall include documentation of dates of treatment, an evaluation of her progress and drug and alcohol free status, and copies of all laboratory reports. Said

reports shall be issued to the Board at the address cited in paragraph 7. below.

- B. 1.) She shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to her employer.
- 2.) She shall not accept employment as a nurse for a personnel provider for the period of her probation.
- 3.) She shall be responsible for the provision of bi-monthly reports from her nursing supervisor (i.e. Director of Nursing) due on the first business day after every second month for the three years of her employment during the period of her probation.
- 4.) Said reports cited in 3.B.3 above shall include documentation of her ability to safely and competently practice nursing. Said reports shall be issued to the Board at the address cited in paragraph 7. below.
4. That she shall not obtain for personal use and/or use alcohol or any drug that has not been prescribed for her for a legitimate purpose by a licensed health care practitioner.
5. That the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing must be informed prior to any change of employment.
6. That the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing must be informed prior to any change of address.
7. That all correspondence and reports are to be addressed to:

Office of the Board of Examiners for Nursing  
Department of Health Services  
150 Washington Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

8. That any deviation from the term(s) of probation without prior written approval by the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing shall constitute a violation of probation. A violation of any term(s) of probation specified in paragraphs 3., 4., 5., or 6. above shall result in the right of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing to immediately revoke or take other disciplinary action as cited in Connecticut General Statutes §19a-17 against her nursing license. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing shall not be a waiver or preclude the Board's right to take action at a later time. The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods. Notice of revocation or other disciplinary action shall be sent to her address of record (most current address reported to the Licensure and Renewal Section of the Division of Medical Quality Assurance of the Department of Health Services or the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing). Her license shall be suspended from the date the notification of the alleged violation of probation is mailed until the decision of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing on the violation of probation is issued.
9. That this Consent Order is ~~effective the first day of the month immediately following the date said Consent Order is ordered and accepted by the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing.~~
10. That she understands this Consent Order is a matter of public record.
11. That she understands this Consent Order may be considered as evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing (1) in which her

compliance with this same 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.

12. 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 or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 and 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive her of any rights that she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
13. That she permits a representative of the Public Health Hearing Office of the Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Department of Health Services to present this Consent Order and the basis for said Consent Order to the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing. She understands that the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Consent Order is approved or granted.
14. That she understands she has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

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I, Joan Mealey, have read the above Consent Order, and I agree and admit to the terms and allegations set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Joan Mealey  
Joan Mealey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 1990.

Robert E. Lavin  
Notary Public ~~or person authorized~~  
by law to administer an oath or  
affirmation

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 31, 1994

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Health Services on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1990, it is hereby accepted.

Stanley K. Peck  
Stanley K. Peck, Director  
Division of Medical Quality Assurance

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1990, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

BY: Bette Jane M. Murphy RN  
Bette Jane M. Murphy, R.N. Chairperson  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

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BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

In re: Joan Mealey, LPN, No. 022884  
12 Robin Court  
Middletown, CT 06457

At its June 19, 1991 meeting the Board of Examiners for Nursing considered the written request of Joan Mealey to modify the conditions of her probation as set forth in a Consent Order dated January 23, 1990.

The Board unanimously voted to allow changes in the conditions of probation as follows:

Paragraph 3.A.3.

She shall be responsible for the provision of quarterly reports from her therapist for the duration of her probation; said reports are due on the first business day after every third month commencing with a report due August 1, 1991.

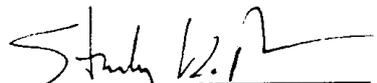
Paragraph 3.A.4.

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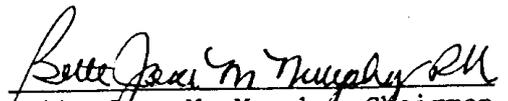
Paragraph 3.B.3.

She shall be responsible for the provision of quarterly reports from her nursing supervisor (i.e. Director of Nursing) for the duration of her probation; said reports are due on the first business day after every third month commencing with a report due on August 1, 1991.

The above changes having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Health Services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 1991, it is hereby accepted.

  
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Stanley K. Peck, Director  
Medical Quality Assurance

The above changes having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1991, it is hereby accepted.

  
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Bette Jane M. Murphy, Chairman  
Board of Examiners for Nursing