

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH

In re: George Stowe, L.P.N.

Petition No. 2005-0615-011-020

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§ 19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against George Stowe, L.P.N.:

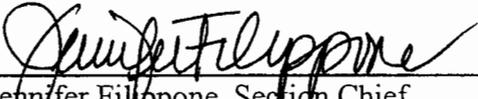
1. George Stowe of Monroe, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut licensed practical nurse license number 023573.
2. At all relevant times, respondent was working as a licensed practical nurse for Dr. Chiman Patel in an office located at 285 Congress Street in Bridgeport, Connecticut and/or respondent was working as a license practical nurse at Fresh Start Substance Abuse Services, LLC located at 285 Congress Street in Bridgeport, Connecticut.
3. During 2004 and/or 2005, while working as a licensed practical nurse at 285 Congress Street in Bridgeport, respondent practiced nursing without being under the direction and/or supervision of a registered nurse.
4. During 2004 and/or 2005, while working as a licensed practical nurse at 285 Congress Street in Bridgeport, Connecticut, respondent engaged in illegal conduct, incompetence and/or negligence when he, without being under the direction and/or supervision of a registered nurse:
 - a. performed physical assessments of substance abuse patients and/or performed other nursing duties with regard to substance abuse patients;
 - b. initiated and administered Suboxone treatments for one or more substance abuse patients, including patients who respondent knew had never seen the prescribing physician in person prior to such treatment;
 - c. assessed and/or monitored patients to determine whether patients were having adverse reactions to Suboxone treatments while Dr. Patel was not in the office; and/or
 - d. packaged medications for patients with Dr. Patel and combined 2 mg and 8 mg pills in the same bottle using handwritten labels.

5. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-99(b), including but not limited to §20-99(b)(2).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing, as authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§20-99(b) and 19a-17, revoke or order other disciplinary action against the licensed practical nurse license of George Stowe as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 16th day of ~~September~~^{October}, 2007.



Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations
Healthcare Systems Branch

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that on this 2nd day of November 2007, the original of the foregoing Statement of Charges was hand delivered to the Department of Public Health, Public Health Hearing Office, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, and a copy was sent to Thomas W. Bucci, Esq., via first class mail postage prepaid, Willinger, Willinger & Bucci, P.C., 855 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604.



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