

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
BUREAU OF HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

In Re: Beth Terry, L.P.N.

Petition No. 2002-0416-01I-013

**CONSENT ORDER**

WHEREAS, Beth Terry (hereinafter "respondent") of Norwich, Connecticut has been issued license number 023748 to practice as a licensed practical nurse by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. During September 2001, respondent worked as a licensed practical nurse at Hamilton Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Norwich, CT.
2. On September 5, 2001, respondent failed to notify her direct nursing supervisor and/or the attending physician of the deteriorating medical condition of resident J.C.
2. The above described 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).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations at a hearing in front of the Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board"). Respondent further agrees that this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if ordered after a full hearing pursuant to §§19a-9, 19a-10, and 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, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives her right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent shall comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations applicable to her profession.
3. Respondent's license number 023748 to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
4. Any violation of the terms of this Consent Order without prior written approval by the Board shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek revocation of respondent's nursing license following notice and an opportunity to be heard.
5. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Board shall not be a waiver or preclude the Board's right to take action at a later time. The Board shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
6. Legal notice of any action shall be deemed sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification of the Bureau of Healthcare Systems of the Department.
7. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the month in which this Consent Order is approved and accepted by the Board.
8. Respondent understands this Consent Order is a matter of public record.
9. The Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Board in which (1) her compliance with this same order is at issue, or (2) her compliance with §20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.

10. In the event respondent violates a term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a licensed nurse, upon request by the Department, with notice to the Board, for a period not to exceed 45 days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation, and to submit to and complete a medical, psychiatric or psychological evaluation, if requested to do so by the Department; and, that the results of the evaluation shall be submitted directly to the Department. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45 day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall be considered by the Board and shall be given due weight by the Board in determining whether respondent's conduct constitutes a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c). The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether a summary suspension is ordered.
11. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license before the Board.
12. 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, this Consent 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 respondent of any other rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

13. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
14. Respondent has had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

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

Beth Terry  
Beth Terry

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003.

Cindy Cabral  
Notary Public or person authorized  
by law to administer an oath or affirmation

**My Commission Expires  
03/31/2007**

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2003, it is hereby accepted.

Stanley K. Peck  
Stanley K. Peck, Director, Legal Office  
Bureau of Healthcare Systems

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing on the 19 day of February, 2003, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

BY: Nancy Laforte  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

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