STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH

In re: Cecelia James, A.P.R.N. Petition No. 2010-5631

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Cecelia James of Newtown, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 002182 to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, respondent admits that:

1. From approximately January 2009 through April 2010, respondent self-prescribed the controlled substance ambien and non-controlled substances on several occasions and failed to document any medical record or charting of said prescriptions.
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 this matter and agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Department, this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-99(b)of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

WHEREAS, respondent has obtained continuing education in prescribing practices;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-99 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's license number 002182 to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
3. Respondent shall not prescribe any medication for herself, her family or her friends.
4. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to her licensure.
5. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.

6. This Consent Order is effective on the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board.
7. Respondent understands this Consent Order shall be deemed as a public document and evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Board in which her compliance with this Consent Order or with Chapter 378 of the General Statutes of Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank.
8. 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. Respondent understands that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification as a result of any claim that the terms contained herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the execution of this document. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
9. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
10. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Healthcare Systems Branch to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
11. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
12. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Bureau Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Statewide Prosecution Bureau. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only, and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
13. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this consent order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof.

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

Cecelia James APRN

Cecelia James, A.P.R.N.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 01 day of Dec 2010.

My Commission Expires Feb. 28, 2012

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

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 23rd day of December 2010, it is hereby accepted.

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

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing on the 19th day of January 2011, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Patricia C Bentley

Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing