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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH

In re: Janel Jones, R.N., A.P.R.N.

Petition Nos. 2005-1001-010-083 and 2005-1011-012-008

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Janel Jones of Bloomfield (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 070984 to practice registered nursing and license number 002811 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. At all relevant times, respondent was employed by Saint Francis Hospital, Hartford, as a per diem nurse practitioner in the Ambulatory Adolescent Clinic.
2. During approximately November 2005, respondent accessed medical records of her brother in-law's fiancee and her baby, although respondent was not involved in their care. The hospital determined that respondent had committed a level two violation of patient confidentiality, which involves accessing or discussing a patient's records out of curiosity or concern for purposes not related to patient care.
3. 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(a) 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 070984 to practice registered nursing and license number 002811 to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Connecticut are hereby reprimanded.
4. Legal notice of any action shall be deemed sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Systems Branch of the Department.
5. 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.
6. Respondent understands this Consent Order is a matter of public record.
7. Respondent understands this Consent Order may be considered as evidence of the above-admitted violations in any proceeding before the Board in which (1) her compliance with this same Consent Order is at issue, or (2) her compliance with §20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.

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. 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.

9. 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.

10. Respondent has had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

11. 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.

I, Janel Jones, 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.

Janel Jones, R.N., A.P.R.N.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of July, 2006.

SCOTT M. HEIMER
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 7/31/2010

Notary Public or 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 27th day of July, 2006, 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 6 day of September, 2006, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

BY:
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing