



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

March 5, 2009

Curtis Harmon, APRN  
40 Russell Street  
Hamden, CT 06517

Re: Consent Order  
Petition No. 2007-0130-012-001  
License No. 002832

Dear Mr. Harmon:

Please accept this letter as notice that you have satisfied the terms of your license probation, effective March 1, 2009.

Notice will be sent to the Department's Licensure and Registration section to remove all restrictions from your license related to the above-referenced Consent Order.

Please be certain to retain a copy of this letter as documented proof that you have completed your license probation.

Thank you for your cooperation during this process, and good luck to you in the future.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Pinkerton".

Bonnie Pinkerton, RN, Nurse Consultant  
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section

cc: J. Filippone  
J. Wojick



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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH

In Re: Curis Harmon, A.P.R.N.

Petition No. 2007-0130-012-001

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Curtis Harmon (hereinafter "respondent") of Hamden, Connecticut has been issued license number 002832 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, the Department alleges that:

1. During the course of 2006 until January 2007, respondent was employed by Chemical Abuse Services Agency, Inc., d/b/a MAAS, located in New Haven, Connecticut, to provide behavioral health nursing and methadone medication dispensing services on a per diem basis. At this time, respondent was also employed in private practice providing psychological treatment to patients. In November and December 2006, respondent, as part of his private practice, prescribed Xanax and Zoloft to a patient who was also receiving methadone from MAAS without revealing and/or discussing this course of treatment with MAAS' Medical Director.
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 Section 20-99(b)(2).

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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 his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent shall comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations applicable to his profession.
3. Respondent's license shall be placed on probation for a period of one (1) year under the following terms and conditions:
  - A. Respondent shall obtain at his own expense, the services of an advanced practice registered nurse or physician, pre-approved by the Department (hereinafter "supervisor"), to conduct a monthly random review of twenty percent (20%) or twenty of respondent's private practice patient records records, whichever is the larger number. In the event respondent has twenty (20) or fewer such patients in private practice, the supervisor shall review all of respondent's private practice patient records.
    - (1) Respondent's supervisor shall conduct such review and meet with him not less than once every month for the duration of his probationary period.

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- (2) The supervisor shall have the right to monitor respondent's practice by any other reasonable means which he or she deems appropriate. Respondent shall fully cooperate with the supervisor in providing such monitoring.
  - (3) Respondent shall be responsible for providing written supervisor reports directly to the Department quarterly for the duration of the probationary period. Such supervisor's reports shall include documentation of dates and duration of meetings with respondent, number and a general description of the patient records and patient medication orders and prescriptions reviewed, additional monitoring techniques utilized, and statement that respondent is practicing and prescribing medications with reasonable skill and safety.
- B. Respondent shall attend and successfully complete coursework in prescribing practices and the assessment and treatment of patients with substance abuse issues, pre-approved by the Department. Within thirty (30) days of the completion of such coursework, respondent shall provide the Department with proof, to the Department's satisfaction, of the successful completion of such courses.
- C. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to all current and future employers for the duration of his probation.
- D. Respondent shall notify the Board and the Department in writing of any change of employment within fifteen (15) days of such change.
- E. Respondent shall notify the Board and the Department of any change in his home or business address within fifteen (15) days of such change.

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F. All reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department of Public Health.

G. All correspondence and reports shall be addressed to:

Bonnie Pinkerton  
Department of Public Health  
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations  
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR  
P.O. Box 340308  
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

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 Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Systems Branch 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) his compliance with this same order is at issue, or (2) his compliance with §20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank

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10. In the event respondent violates a term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as an advanced practice registered 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. 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

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that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.

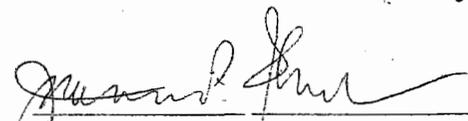
14. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement, which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
15. Respondent has had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
16. The 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.

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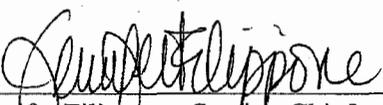
I, Curtis Harmon, have read the above Consent Order, and I agree to the terms set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

  
Curtis Harmon, A.P.R.N.

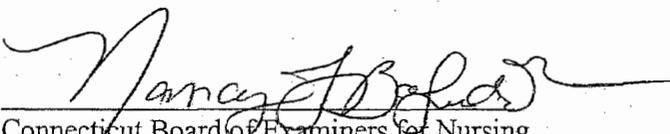
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

  
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 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2008, 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 20 day of February, 2008, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

BY:   
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

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