

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS**

In re: Robin Sullivan, RCP

Petition No. 2004-0128-026-001

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Robin Sullivan of Hartsville, SC (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 001919 to practice as a respiratory care practitioner by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 381a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, respondent admits that:

1. On December 30, 2003, she completed a pre-employment screening test. The test resulted in a positive screen for marijuana.
2. Respondent is not presently practicing as a respiratory care practitioner in Connecticut.
3. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-162p.

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 CT Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10 and 19a-14 and 20-162p of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14 and 19a-17 and 20-162p 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. The period of probation imposed by this Consent Order shall become effective on the date respondent begins practicing respiratory care in Connecticut
3. In the event respondent intends to resume practice in Connecticut, respondent agrees to notify the Department at least ninety days prior to resumption of such practice.
4. Upon the commencement of respiratory care practice in Connecticut by respondent, said license shall be placed on probation for a period of two years under the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Respondent shall participate in regularly scheduled therapy at her own expense with a licensed or certified therapist pre-approved by the Department (hereinafter "therapist").
 - (1) Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to her therapist.
 - (2) Respondent's therapist shall furnish written confirmation to the Department of his or her engagement in that capacity and receipt of a copy of this Consent Order within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this Consent Order.
 - (3) If the therapist determines that therapy is no longer necessary, that a reduction in frequency of therapy sessions is warranted, or that respondent should be transferred to another therapist, the therapist shall advise the Department, and the Department shall pre-approve said termination of therapy, reduction in frequency of therapy sessions, and/or respondent's transfer to another therapist.
 - (4) The therapist shall submit quarterly reports for the two year probation, which shall address, but not necessarily be limited to, respondent's ability to

practice respiratory care safely and competently. Said reports shall continue until the therapist determines that therapy is no longer necessary or the period of probation has terminated.

- (5) The therapist shall immediately notify the Department in writing if the therapist believes respondent's continued practice poses a danger to the public, or if respondent discontinues therapy and/or terminates his or her services.
- b. During the entire two year rehabilitation program, respondent shall refrain from the ingestion of alcohol in any form and the ingestion, inhalation, injection or other use of any controlled substance and/or legend drug unless prescribed or recommended for a legitimate therapeutic purpose by a licensed health care professional authorized to prescribe medications. In the event a medical condition arises requiring treatment utilizing controlled substances, legend drugs, or alcohol in any form, respondent shall notify the Department and, upon request, provide such written documentation of the treatment as is deemed necessary by the Department.
- (1) During the probationary period, respondent at her own expense, shall submit to weekly random observed urine screens for alcohol, controlled substances, and legend drugs; in accordance with Department Requirements for Drug and Alcohol Screens, attached hereto marked as ('Attachment A: Department Requirements for Drug and Alcohol Screens'); respondent shall submit to such screens on a more frequent basis if requested to do so by the therapist or the Department. Said screens shall be administered by a facility approved by the Department. All such random screens shall be legally defensible in that the specimen donor and chain of custody shall be identified throughout the

screening process. All laboratory reports shall state that the chain of custody procedure has been followed.

- (2) Laboratory reports of random alcohol and drug screens and/or any other drug or alcohol related laboratory reports, including but not limited to results of DNA testing, shall be submitted directly to the Department by the testing laboratory. All such screens shall be negative for alcohol, controlled substances, and legend drugs, except for medications prescribed by respondent's physician. If respondent has a positive urine screen, the facility shall immediately notify the Department. All positive random drug and alcohol screens shall be confirmed by gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer testing.
- (3) Respondent understands and agrees that if she fails to submit a urine sample when requested by her monitor, such missed screen shall be deemed a positive screen.
- (4) Respondent shall notify each of her health care professionals of all medications prescribed for her by any and all other health care professionals.
- (5) Respondent is hereby advised that the ingestion of poppy seeds, mouthwash and over the counter cough or cold medicines or remedies has from time to time, been raised as a defense to a positive screen result for morphine, opiates and/or alcohol. For that reason, respondent agrees to refrain from ingesting poppy seeds in any food substances, mouthwash and over the counter cough or cold medicines or remedies during the term of this Consent Order. In the event respondent has a positive screen for morphine, opiates and/or alcohol, respondent agrees that the ingestion of poppy seeds and/or mouthwash and/or

over the counter cough or cold medicines or remedies shall not constitute a defense to such a screen.

- d. During the period of probation, respondent shall report to the Department any arrest under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes section 14-227a. Such report shall occur within fifteen (15) days of such event.
 - e. Respondent shall provide her employer, at which she is employed, with a copy of this Consent Order within fifteen (15) days of its effective date, or within fifteen (15) days of commencement of employment at a new facility. Respondent agrees to provide reports from such employer quarterly for the probationary period, stating that respondent is practicing with reasonable skill and safety and in an substance-free state.
2. All correspondence and reports are to be addressed to:

Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant
Department of Public Health
Division of Health Systems Regulation
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR
P.O. Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308
 3. 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.
 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. Any alleged violation of any provision of this Consent Order may result in the following procedures at the discretion of the Department:

- a. The Department shall notify respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.
 - b. Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) which violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
 - c. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph 6a above to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that she has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that she has cured the violation in question.
 - d. If respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation by the limited fifteen (15) day date certain contained in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the Department, she shall be entitled to a hearing before the Department which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.
 - e. Evidence presented to the Department by either the Department or respondent in any such hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent Order.
7. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a respiratory care practitioner upon request by the Department, with notice to the Department, 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 constitute an admission that her conduct constitutes a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c).
8. 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 her license before the Department.
 9. Legal notice shall be 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.
 10. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Department.
 11. Respondent understands this Consent Order may be considered as a public document and evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Department in which her compliance with this Consent Order or with §20- of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
 12. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department from taking action at a later time. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
 13. 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 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.
 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 permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Bureau of Healthcare Systems to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Department. Respondent understands that the Department has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
16. Respondent understands and agrees that she is responsible for satisfying all of the terms of this Consent Order during vacations and other periods in which she is away from her residence.
17. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
18. 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, Robin Sullivan, 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.



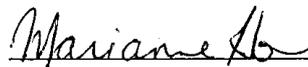
Robin Sullivan, Respiratory Care Practitioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of JULY 2004.



Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation
My Commission Expires: 8-7-08

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 6th day of August, 2004, it is hereby accepted.



Marianne Horn, Director
Division of Health Systems Regulation
Bureau of Healthcare Systems