

State of Vermont
Vermont Board of Nursing

In re: Lance Burrell
License Number 101.0135857
Docket Number: D-2024-97

Order to Remove Conditions

On January 13, 2025, the Vermont Board of Nursing considered Lance Burrell's request for Removal of Conditions imposed pursuant to a Stipulation & Consent Order under Docket Number 2024-97. Mr. Burrell has successfully met the conditions. After review of the follow-up file, the State does not object to removal of all conditions.

Order:

The Board hereby removes all conditions from Lance Burrell's APRN license.

Vermont Board of Nursing

Signed by:
William James Floyd
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Jennifer Laurent, Chair

Date: January 13, 2025

Date of Entry:

1/14/25

Bowen, Julie

From: VONDRA BURRELL <lvburl6@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2024 7:51 PM
To: SOS - Docket Clerk
Subject: Petition to VT Board of Nursing

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Regarding VT Docket No 2024-97

To Vermont Board of Nursing,

Please consider this letter as my official request to remove the conditions on my Vermont Nursing License, as outlined in the stipulation.

Also, to express my gratitude to the board for your time and consideration in this matter. I truly appreciate your efforts on my behalf.

Regards,
Lance Burrell FNP

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SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSING**

IN RE:)
Lance Burrell)
License No. 101.0135857) **Docket No. 2024-97**

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

STIPULATION

NOW COME the State of Vermont, by and through Prosecuting Attorney Ultan Doyle, and Respondent Lance Burrell, who hereby Stipulate and Agree as follows:

Board Authority

1. The Vermont State Board of Nursing (the "Board") has jurisdiction to investigate and adjudicate allegations of unprofessional conduct pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §129(a); 3 V.S.A. §129a; 3 V.S.A. §814(d); 26 V.S.A. Chapter 28; the Administrative Rules of the Board of Nursing (the "ARBN"); and the Rules of the Office of Professional Regulation ("OPR").

Alleged Facts

2. Lance Burrell ("Respondent") of Springfield, Missouri is currently licensed by the State of Vermont as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse ("APRN") under license number 101.0135857. This license was originally issued on December 1, 2022 and expires on March 31, 2025.
3. During the relevant time period, Respondent worked as an APRN at Northeast Regional Correctional Facility in St. Johnsbury, Vermont ("the Facility").
4. On June 3, 2023, Respondent asked C.W., a Licensed Practical Nurse, for the keys to the return medication bin so that he could take discarded Meloxicam, an anti-inflammatory drug, which he said was intended for his dog.
5. Respondent then removed medication cards from the medication bin and put them in a clear plastic bag.
6. Respondent next went to the medical office of a different building in the Facility, where LPNs, M.M. and D.P., were working.
7. There, Respondent asked M.M. for the keys to her medication cart, telling her that he needed to remove a patient's Meloxicam card that Respondent said had just been discontinued.

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8. In response, M.M. opened the cart and placed an incomplete medication card containing Meloxicam on the top of the cart.
9. Respondent pointed outside and said, "Look, baby wolf," and put the medication card behind his back.
10. Respondent then took the medication card with him into the adjoining providers' office.
11. M.M. asked Respondent to put the medication into the return medication bin and he said that he would take of it.
12. Respondent said that he needed medical supplies for medical mission that he did and that he took discarded medication whenever he needed it.
13. Respondent told investigators that he also took discarded medications from the Facility's medication recycle bin on June 4, 2023.
14. In addition to Meloxicam, Respondent admitted to taking the antibiotics, Clindamycin and Bactrim DC, and to taking Prednisone (a steroid) and Carbazole (an antifungal medication).
15. Respondent did not have permission from the Facility to take any of these medications.

Violation One: 3 V.S.A. § 129a(b)(2) Failure to practice competently by reason of any cause on a single occasion or on multiple occasions may constitute unprofessional conduct, whether actual injury to a client, patient, or customer has occurred. Failure to practice competently includes: (2) failure to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice.

16. Paragraphs 2 through 15 above are incorporated herein.
17. Under Vermont law, an APRN must practice competently by conforming to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice.
18. Paragraphs 2 through 15 above demonstrate that Respondent failed conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice when he took discarded medications from the Facility for his personal use without the Facility's permission.
19. The act(s), omission(s), and/or circumstance(s) described above constitute grounds for discipline because Respondent committed unprofessional conduct in violation of 3 V.S.A. § 129a(b)(2).

Understandings

20. This Stipulation is neither an admission of liability by Respondent nor a concession

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by the State of Vermont that its charges are not well-founded. To avoid delay, uncertainty, inconvenience, and the expense of protracted litigation, the Parties enter this full and final Stipulation pursuant to these Understandings and the Order below. Respondent does not dispute that the State may be able to prove these charges by a preponderance of the evidence if this matter proceeds to a merits hearing.

17. Respondent understands that the Nursing Board must review and accept the terms of the Stipulation and Consent Order. If the Board rejects any portion, the entire Stipulation and Consent Order shall be null and void.
18. Respondent specifically waives any claims that any disclosures made to the full Board during its review of this agreement have prejudiced his rights to a fair and impartial hearing in future hearings if this agreement is not accepted by the Board.
19. Respondent has read and reviewed this entire document and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.
20. Respondent is not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time he signs this Stipulation and Consent Order.
21. Respondent voluntarily enters into this agreement after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and is not being coerced by anyone into signing this Stipulation and Consent Order.
22. Respondent voluntarily waives the right to a contested hearing before the Board of Nursing and waives any right to appeal from this Stipulation and Consent Order.
23. Respondent agrees that the Order set forth below may be entered by the Board, will be a binding Order upon Respondent, and will be made public.
24. Respondent understands that Respondent is responsible for all compliance costs associated with this Stipulation and Consent Order and any violation of this Order may result in additional disciplinary action.

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ORDER

Based on the Stipulation above, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

- A. The Board of Nursing hereby **WARNS** Respondent's license.
- B. The Board of Nursing hereby **CONDITIONS** Respondent's license commencing with the date of entry of this Stipulation and Consent Order:

1. Re-issuance of License. Upon the commencement of these conditions, Respondent shall be issued a license labeled "conditioned."
2. License Renewal. This Order does not automatically extend the license and Respondent must comply with the requirements for license renewal.
3. Required Essay. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days of the date of entry of this Stipulation and Consent Order, complete and submit a reflective essay that is responsive to the violations set forth above. This essay must be approved in advance by the Case Manager and completed to the Case Manager's satisfaction.

- D. Upon compliance with and completion of all required conditions, Respondent must petition to remove any or all conditions from the license and demonstrate full compliance with the Order.
- E. Notwithstanding any provision above, Respondent must continue to meet all requirements to maintain licensure, for license renewal, and for license reinstatement.
- F. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a matter of public record and may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. § 129(a).
- G. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of Respondent's licensing file and may be considered relative to any future disciplinary matter.

AGREED TO:

Dated: 8/28/2024

**STATE OF VERMONT
SECRETARY OF STATE**

Signed by:
By: Ultan Doyle
Ultan Doyle, Esq.
State Prosecuting Attorney

**LANCE BURRELL
RESPONDENT**

Dated: 8/28/2024

Signed by:
By: Lance Burrell
Lance Burrell

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

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Dated: 9/9/24

VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING
Signed by:
By: William James Floyd III
Board Chair

Date of Entry: 9/9/24

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SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

NOW COMES the State of Vermont and makes the following Charges against the Respondent, Lance Burrell:

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Relief Requested

WHEREFORE, the State of Vermont respectfully requests that the Board warn, reprimand, suspend, revoke, limit, condition, or otherwise discipline Respondent's APRN license.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont this 27th day of June, 2024.

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