

STATE OF VERMONT
VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING

In Re:
Jean M. Bass
License No. 26-19612

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Docket No. NU45-0300

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

STIPULATION

1. The Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to investigate complaints of unprofessional conduct and to conduct hearings pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §129, and 26 V.S.A. §§1574, 1582.
2. Respondent is a registered nurse licensed by the State of Vermont holding license number 26-199612. Respondent was originally licensed in Vermont on August 29, 1990.
3. At all times relevant to this Specification of Charges, Respondent was employed by the Colchester School District of Colchester, Vermont.
4. Respondent admits that she met with Joyce Stone, Colchester High School Principal on or about February 20, 2000 to discuss her role on the Dominican Republic trip. At that meeting, Respondent agreed to oversee management of Ms. AW's diabetes during the trip and to provide health care to other students as needed.

5. Respondent admits that her oversight of the management of Ms. AW's diabetes during the trip was to include periodic monitoring of AW's blood sugar level and reminding AW to check her insulin level before meals when practical to do so.
6. Respondent admits that she administered a glucose tab to Ms. AW on one occasion during the trip.
7. Respondent admits that she did not keep a separate record of her monitoring of Ms. AW's glucose levels or of her administration of a glucose tab to Ms. AW because she had understood that a record would be made in Ms. AW's blood sugar monitoring log. Due to her failure to keep such a separate record, Respondent did not adequately chart her nursing actions.
8. Respondent understands that the Board must review and accept the terms of this agreement. If the Board rejects any portion, the entire agreement shall be null and void.
9. Respondent understands that this agreement, if accepted by the Board, is a public document that may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. §129(a)(7).
10. Respondent has read and reviewed this entire document and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.
11. Respondent is not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time she signs this agreement.

12. Respondent voluntarily enters this agreement after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and is not being coerced by anyone into signing it.

13. Respondent agrees that the order set forth below may be entered by the Board.

ORDER

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

A. The Board finds that by the actions described in paragraphs 4 through 7 Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §1582(a)(3)(unable to practice nursing competently by reason of any cause) and Vermont Nursing Board Rule IV.B. (2)(B), since these actions fail to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing nursing practice.

B. The Board hereby **reprimands** the license of Jean M. Bass.

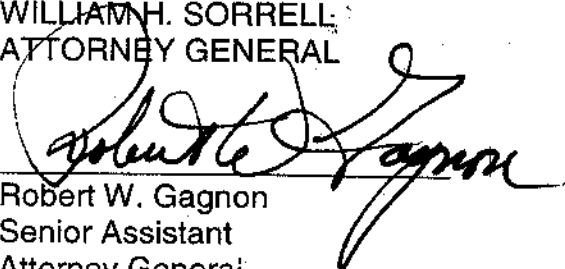
C. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a matter of public record and may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. §129(a)(7).

D. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of Respondent's licensing file and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.

STATE OF VERMONT
WILLIAM H. SORRELL
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dated: 2/22/01

By:

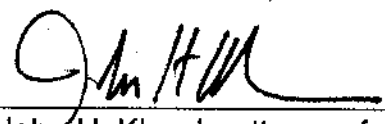

Robert W. Gagnon
Senior Assistant
Attorney General

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Dated 2/21/01

By:

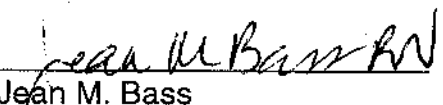
JOHN H. KLESCH, ESQ.


John H. Klesch, attorney for Ms. Bass

Dated: 2/19/01

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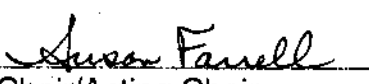
JEAN M. BASS
RESPONDENT


Jean M. Bass

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

Dated 3-12-01

By:


Chair/Acting Chair
Vermont Board of Nursing

Date of Entry: 3-16-01