

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

IN RE:

CHRISTINE HUTCHINSON, LPN)

License No. 025-0007512)

Docket No: NU 25-0901

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

NOW COMES the State of Vermont and makes the following Charges against the Respondent, Christine Hutchinson, LPN:

Board Authority

1. The Vermont State Board of Nursing ["the Board"] has authority to issue warnings or reprimands, suspend, revoke, limit, condition current licenses, or prevent the renewal of lapsed licenses if, after disciplinary hearing, the Board finds that the Respondent has engaged in unprofessional conduct. 3 V.S.A. §129(a)(5); 3 V.S.A. §814(d); 26 V.S.A. §1582(a).
2. Practicing the profession while psychologically and/or medically unfit is a basis on which the Board can impose disciplinary action. 3 V.S.A. §129a(a)(5).

Facts

3. The Respondent (whose address is listed in the database of the Office of Professional Regulation as 91 Twin Oaks Terrace, South Burlington, VT 05403) is licensed as a Licensed Practical Nurse under License Number 025-0007512.
4. Respondent's license was originally issued on August 5, 1997 and it currently expires on January 31, 2002.
5. The Respondent worked at Fletcher Allen Health Care at all times relevant.
6. On ^{two} ~~numerous~~ occasions this year, the Respondent called in telephone prescription(s) for narcotics ^{for herself} ~~for herself~~ ^{CH} ~~CH~~ ^{3/05} ~~3/05~~.
7. On or about September 12, 2001, Respondent was confronted by her employer and Respondent admitted calling in one false prescription for herself, specifically on September 12, 2001.
8. On or about September 26, 2000, Respondent admitted to an investigator with the Office of Professional Regulation that she, the Respondent, had called in two (2) false prescriptions for herself.

9. On or about September 26, 2000, Respondent admitted to an investigator with the Office of Professional Regulation that she, the Respondent, had a psychological breakdown.
10. Respondent has, upon information and belief, entered into counseling that day and has been continuing in counseling to date.

Claims

11. The Respondent has recently been practicing the profession while psychologically and/or medically unfit and this is conduct sufficient to support disciplinary action. 3 V.S.A. §129a(a)(3).

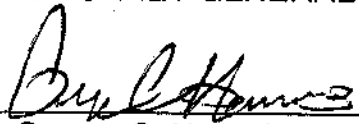
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Wherefore, The Respondent's license, number 025-0007512, should be revoked, suspended, reprimanded, conditioned or otherwise disciplined.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 28th day of September 2001.

STATE OF VERMONT

WILLIAM H. SORRELL
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George C. Haegele IV
Assistant Attorney General

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- C. Respondent has read and reviewed this entire document and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.
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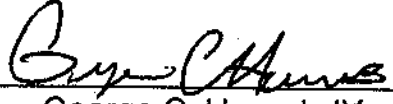
Based on the stipulation above it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

- I. By engaging in the conduct above, Respondent acted unprofessionally pursuant to, and in violation of:
 - (1) 3 V.S.A. §129a(a)(5) (Practicing the profession while psychologically and/or medically unfit).
- J. The Nursing Board **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDS** the Respondent's license, commencing on the date this order is entered, continuing until she demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Board: possession of entry level qualifications; specific rehabilitation; good moral character and fitness; methods of assuring public safety, and; that reinstatement would not be detrimental to the integrity of the profession or subversive of the public interest.
- K. 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).
- L. 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.

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Dated: 10/1/01

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CHRISTINE HUTCHINSON

Dated: 9/28/01

by: Christine Hutchinson
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APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING

Dated: 10-1-01

by: Sinda Rice
Chairperson

Date of entry: 10/2/01

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