

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

IN RE:

JESSICA ANN JOVANOVIC

License No. 026.0022175

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Docket No. 2009-450

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

STIPULATION

NOW COME the State of Vermont, by and through State Prosecuting Attorney BetsyAnn Wrask, and the Respondent, Jessica Ann Jovanovic, RN, who stipulate and agree as follows:

Board Authority

1. The Vermont State Board of Nursing (the "Board") has authority to issue warnings or reprimands; suspend, revoke, limit, or 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); 3 V.S.A. § 129a; 3 V.S.A. § 814(d); 26 V.S.A. § 1582; the Administrative Rules of the Board of Nursing (the "ARBN"); and the Rules of the Office of Professional Regulation.

Statement of Facts

2. Jessica Ann Jovanovic (the "Respondent") of Essex Junction, Vermont is licensed by the State of Vermont as a Registered Nurse under license number 026.0022175. This license was originally issued on or about June 16, 1995 and is currently set to expire on or about March 31, 2011.
3. Respondent's license lapsed on or about March 31, 2007. Respondent did not renew her license until on or about June 9, 2009.
4. Respondent had been working as a school nurse for Winooski School District during the period of time – over two (2) years – that her license was lapsed, in violation of 26 V.S.A. § 1582(a)(7) and ARBN Chapter 4, Subchapter 4, Rule II(D)(9).
5. Respondent moved to Vermont from Missouri in or around 2005. Respondent did not update her address with the Board until she renewed her license on or about June 9, 2009, in violation of 3 V.S.A. § 129a(a)(14).

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6. On or about February 9, 2010 in her Answer to the Specification of Charges that were filed in this matter, Respondent stated that it was not her intention to deceive, defraud, or harm anyone, and that she was unaware that her license had lapsed.

Charges

7. The act(s), omission(s), and/or circumstance(s) described above constitute grounds for discipline because the Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct in violation of:
- a. 26 V.S.A. § 1582(a)(7) (Engages in conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public) which includes practicing professional or practical nursing in Vermont without a current license to practice, unless the practice is specifically excepted by 26 V.S.A. § 1583 or § 1601, pursuant to ARBN Chapter 4, Subchapter 4, Rule II(D)(9);
 - b. 3 V.S.A. § 129a(a)(14) (Failing to report to the office within 30 days a change of name or address); and
 - c. 3 V.S.A. § 129a(a)(3) (Failing to comply with provisions of federal or state statutes or rules governing the practice of the profession).

Understandings

8. Respondent understands that the Nursing Board must review and accept the terms of the Consent Order. If the Board rejects any portion, the entire Stipulation and Consent Order shall be null and void.
9. Respondent specifically waives any claims that any disclosures made to the full Board during its review of this agreement have prejudiced her rights to a fair and impartial hearing in future hearings if this agreement is not accepted by the Board.
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 Stipulation and Consent Order.
12. 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.
13. Respondent voluntarily waives her right to a contested hearing before the Board of Nursing and waives any right to appeal from this Stipulation and Consent Order.
14. Respondent agrees that the Order set forth below may be entered by the Board.

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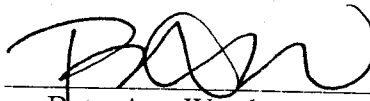
Based on the Stipulation above, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

- A. The Board of Nursing hereby **REPRIMANDS** the Respondent's nursing license and imposes an **ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)** on the Respondent. This penalty is to be paid within sixty (60) days of the date of entry of this Order.
- B. Notwithstanding any provision above, the Respondent must continue to meet all Nursing Board requirements for maintaining a license, license renewal and license reinstatement.
- 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).
- D. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of the Respondent's licensing file and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.

AGREED TO:

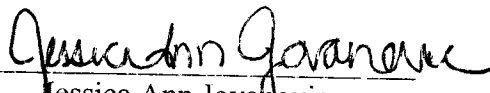
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Dated: 3.9.10

By: 
Betsy Ann Wrask
State Prosecuting Attorney

JESSICA ANN JOVANOVIC
RESPONDENT

Dated: 3.8.10

By: 
Jessica Ann Jovanovic

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING

Dated: 4.12.10

By: 
Chairperson

Date of Entry: 4/14/10

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