

STATE OF VERMONT
VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING

In Re:	)	
Linda A. Saulnier, RN	)	Docket No. NU01-0700
License No. 26-23993	)	

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

STIPULATION

NOW COME the State of Vermont, through Attorney General William H. Sorrell, and Respondent Linda A. Saulnier, who stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to investigate complaints of unprofessional conduct and approve consent orders pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §129, and 26 V.S.A. §§1574, 1582.
2. Respondent is a licensed registered nurse licensed by the State of Vermont holding license number 26-23993.
3. At all times relevant to this Specification of Charges, Respondent was employed by the Brattleboro Retreat of Brattleboro, Vermont.
4. Respondent admits that on or about 12/22/99 she was assigned a patient who had been admitted with an order to not start methadone treatment until a physical examination had been done. Saulnier admits that she administered methadone to this patient on 12/22/99 before any physical examination. Respondent admitted she had administered the methadone contrary to the physician's order.
5. Respondent admits that on or about 3/30/00 she was assigned a patient, J.M. Respondent admits that she administered Librium and that requires first assessing the patient and taking vital signs. The vital signs were taken but she

failed to chart that they had been taken.

6. Respondent admits the conclusions of unprofessional conduct as set forth below in the Board's Order.

7. 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.

8. Respondent has read and reviewed this entire document and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.

9. Respondent voluntarily enters this agreement after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and is not being coerced by anyone into signing this Stipulation and Consent Order.

10. Respondent voluntarily waives her right to charges and a contested hearing before the Board of Nursing.

11. Respondent agrees that the Board may enter the Order set forth below.

ORDER

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

A. Respondent's actions described in paragraphs 4 and 5 above are grounds for discipline 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)(a)&(b), since they constitute unacceptable patient care and fail to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing nursing practice.

B. Respondent Linda A. Saulnier's license is hereby **reprimanded**.

Additionally, Respondent must take and successfully complete a course with components directed to medication passes physician's orders and appropriate documentation. This course must be approved in advance by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall not practice in Vermont unless and until she has caused certification of successful completion of the above escribed course to be filed with the Board or its designee. Upon such certification this condition shall be satisfied.

C. By signing this Stipulation and Consent Order, Respondent authorizes her employer and nursing school administrator to provide all information requested by the Nursing Board, or its designee, either orally or in writing, at any time during the period this Stipulation and Consent Order is in effect.

D. 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).

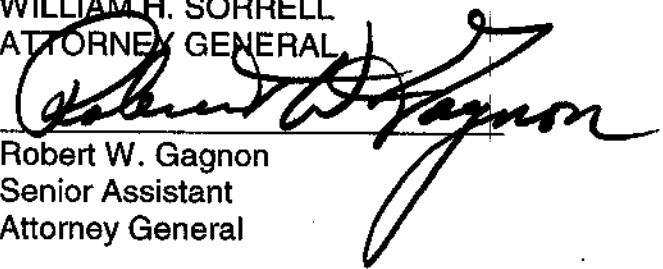
E. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of Respondent's licensing file and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.

STATE OF VERMONT

WILLIAM H. SORRELL
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dated: 5-03-02

by:


Robert W. Gagnon
Senior Assistant
Attorney General

Dated: 4/29/02

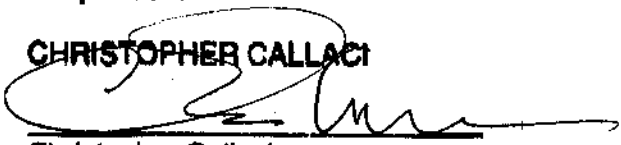
LINDA A. SAULNIER


Linda A. Saulnier
Respondent

APPROVED AS TO FORM

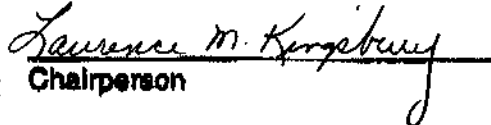
Dated: 5.1.02

CHRISTOPHER CALLACI


Christopher Callaci,
Attorney for Ms. Saulnier

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING

Dated: by: 
ACTING ChairpersonDate of entry: 5/13/02