

STATE OF VERMONT
VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING

In Re

Robyn M. Vansant, LPN
License No. 25-0006750

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Docket No. NU22-0902

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

STIPULATION

NOW COME the State of Vermont, through Attorney General William H Sorrell, and Respondent 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, Robyn M. Vansant is licensed by the State of Vermont as an licensed practical nurse holding license No. 25-0006750

3. At all times relevant to these charges, Respondent worked as a nurse for the Howard Center for Human Services

4 Respondent admits that an investigation was begun when on August 23, 2002 a Winooski police officer had stopped some young people, one of whom was Respondent's son. They had in their possession a prescription pill bottle in the name of L.G. and it contained Lorazepam. Respondent's son told the officer he had gotten the bottle from his mother's home

5 Respondent admits that she was confronted by her employer and advised she had taken a bottle of Ativan (Lorazepam) inadvertently. She stated that this medication was to be disposed of and had been given to her to be disposed. She said she placed it in her pocket and forgot about it. Later she realized she had

the bottle and she put it in her closet at home with the intention of returning it to the facility. Then she forgot about it.

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)(b), and 3V.S.A. §129a(a)(9).

B. Respondent's license to practice nursing is hereby **suspended** for a

period of one month from the date of entry of this order, and after such time she may petition the Board for 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)(8).

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: 5-21-03

by:

Michael McShane
Michael McShane
Assistant Attorney General

Dated: 5/30/03

ROBYN M. VANSANT

Robyn M. Vansant
Robyn M. Vansant
Respondent

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING

Dated: July 14, 2003

by:

Susan O. Farrell
Chairperson

Date of entry: 7/16/03

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SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

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, Robyn M. Vansant is licensed by the State of Vermont as an licensed practical nurse holding license No. 25-0006750.
3. At all times relevant to these charges, Respondent worked as a nurse for the Howard Center for Human Services.
4. An investigation was begun when on August 23, 2002 a Winooski police officer had stopped some young people, one of whom was Respondent's son. They had in their possession a prescription pill bottle in the name of L.G. and it contained Lorazepam. Respondent's son told the officer he had gotten the bottle from his mother's home. Other witnesses, who were in Respondent's home reported that she had many bottles/vials of drugs with various names, not the Respondent's, on the prescription labels.
5. Respondent was confronted by her employer and advised she had taken a bottle of Ativan (Lorazepam) inadvertently. She stated that this medication was to be disposed of and had been given to her to be disposed. She said she placed it in her pocket and forgot about it. Later she realized she had the bottle and

she put it in her closet at home with the intention of returning it to the facility. Then she forgot about it.

6. Respondent's actions described in paragraphs 4 and 5 are grounds for discipline pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §1582(a)(3)(unable to practice nursing competently by reason of any cause), Chap. 4 Rule IV(B)(4)(d). Respondent diverted these drugs for her own use. Additionally, her failure to properly dispose of these drugs is unprofessional conduct in that it is a failure to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing nursing practice. Chap. 4 Rule IV(B)(2)(b).

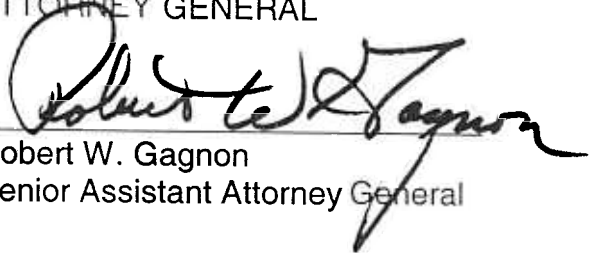
WHEREFORE the nursing license of Robyn M. Vansant should be revoked, suspended, reprimanded, conditioned, or otherwise disciplined.

STATE OF VERMONT

WILLIAM H. SORRELL
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Dated: 4/29/03

by:


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