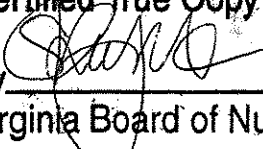


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By 
Virginia Board of Nursing



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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January 28, 2014

Terrie Stephens-Traverse
804 South Plank Road
Slate Hill, NY 10973

RE: License No.: 0001-242216

Dear Ms. Stephens-Traverse:

CERTIFIED MAIL

**DUPLICATE COPY
VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL**

DATE 1/28/14

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2409 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("Code"), you are hereby given notice that your license to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia has been mandatorily suspended by the enclosed Order entered January 28, 2014. You are hereby advised that, pursuant to Section 54.1-2409.1 of the Code, any person who practices a profession or occupation after having their license or certificate to do so suspended shall be guilty of a felony. Please return your license to Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Nursing, at the above address, immediately upon receipt of this letter.

Section 54.1-2409 of the Code further provides that you may apply to the Board of Nursing ("Board") for reinstatement of your license, and shall be entitled to a hearing not later than the next regular meeting of the Board after the expiration of sixty days from the receipt of such reinstatement application. You have the following rights, among others: to be represented by legal counsel, to have witnesses subpoenaed on your behalf, to present documentary evidence and to cross-examine adverse witnesses. The reinstatement of your license shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members present of the Board of Nursing.

Should you wish to petition the Board of Nursing for reinstatement of your license, contact Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director, at the above address or (804) 367-4599.

Sincerely,

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JAN 29 2014



Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D., Director
Department of Health Professions

Enclosures
Case # 154453

VA BD OF NURSING

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

IN RE: TERRIE STEPHENS-TRAVERSE, R.N.
License No.: 0001-242216

ORDER

In accordance with Section 54.1-2409 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("Code"), I, Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D., Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, received and acted upon evidence that the license of Terrie Stephens-Traverse, R.N., to practice nursing in the State of New York was suspended by a Consent Order which was effective on November 26, 2013. A certified copy of the Consent Order (with attachment) is attached to this Order and is marked as Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 1.

WHEREFORE, by the authority vested in the Director of the Department of Health Professions pursuant to Section 54.1-2409 of the Code, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of Terrie Stephens-Traverse, R.N., to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and hereby is, SUSPENDED.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Terrie Stephens-Traverse, R.N., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current. Should Ms. Stephens-Traverse seek reinstatement of her license pursuant to Section 54.1-2409 of the Code, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.

Pursuant to Sections 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.



Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D., Director
Department of Health Professions

ENTERED: _____

1-28-14



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CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS

I, Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D., Director of the Department of Health Professions, hereby certify that the attached Consent Order (with attachment) which was effective on November 26, 2013, regarding Terrie Stephens-Traverse, R.N., is a true copy of the records received from the New York State Board of Nursing.



Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D.

Date: 1-28-14



The University of the State of New York

IN THE MATTER

OF

Terrie Stephens-Traverse

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE

STATE OF NEW YORK)

SS.: .

COUNTY OF ALBANY)

I, Michael Kinley, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am over the age of twenty-one years and am an employee of the New York State Education Department, Office of Professional Discipline, 30 Wolf Road, Suite 204, Albany, New York 12205-2643.

On the 21 day of November, 2013, I personally delivered to the Stuyvesant Plaza Post Office the Duplicate Original Vote of the Board of Regents and Order under Calendar No. 26790 and the Report of the Regents Review Committee or Application for Consent or Surrender, or Report of the designated Regent in a summary suspension proceeding as applicable, by Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested to the respondent herein named at [REDACTED] Slate Hill, NY [REDACTED].

Certified Mail Receipt No: 7002 0860 0000 6439 2951

The effective date of the Order being the 26 day of November, 2013.

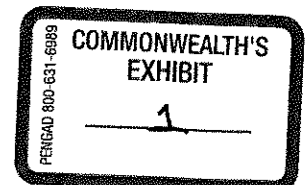
Sworn to before me this

21st day of November, 2013

Conrad F. Mitchell

CONRAD F. MITCHELL
Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Saratoga County
My Commission Expires 2/21/14

[Handwritten signature]





The University of the State of New York

IN THE MATTER

OF

TERRIE STEPHENS-TRAVERSE
(Registered Professional Nurse)

ORIGINAL
VOTE AND ORDER
NO. 26790

Upon the application of TERRIE STEPHENS-TRAVERSE, under Calendar No. 26790, which application is made a part hereof, and in accordance with the provisions of Title VIII of the Education Law, it was

VOTED (November 19, 2013): That the application of TERRIE STEPHENS-TRAVERSE, respondent, for a consent order be granted; and that the Deputy Commissioner for the Professions be empowered to execute, for and on behalf of the Board of Regents, all orders necessary to carry out the terms of this vote;

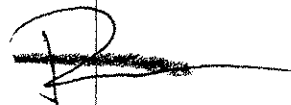
and it is

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the above vote of the Board of Regents, said vote and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted and **SO ORDERED**, and it is further

ORDERED that this order shall take effect as of the date of the personal service of this order upon the respondent or five days after mailing by certified mail.

TERRIE STEPHENS-TRAVERSE (26790)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Douglas E. Lentivech, Deputy Commissioner for the Professions, for and on behalf of the State Education Department and the Board of Regents, do hereunto set my hand, at the City of Albany, this 19th day of November, 2013.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'D. Lentivech', written over a horizontal line.

DOUGLAS E. LENTIVECH
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
FOR THE PROFESSIONS

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE
STATE BOARD FOR NURSING

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IN THE MATTER

of the

Disciplinary Proceeding

against

TERRIE STEPHENS-TRAVERSE

who is currently licensed to practice
as a registered professional nurse
in the State of New York.

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APPLICATION FOR
CONSENT ORDER

CAL. NO. 26790

TERRIE STEPHENS-TRAVERSE states:

That on or about July 24, 1997, I was licensed to practice as a registered professional nurse in the State of New York, having been issued license number 490688 by the New York State Education Department.

I am currently registered with the New York State Education Department to practice as a registered professional nurse in the State of New York from an address at ~~333 West 125th Street~~, Slate Hill, New York ~~12155~~.

That I have been charged with two (2) specifications of professional misconduct, a copy of which is annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A".

I admit guilt to the aforesaid specifications of professional misconduct, charging me with practicing the profession of nursing fraudulently (diversion of drugs for my use).

TERRIE STEPHENS-TRAVERSE

I hereby agree to the penalty that my license to practice as a registered professional nurse in the State of New York be suspended for two (2) years; that execution of the last twenty-one (21) months of said suspension be stayed; and that I be placed on probation for a period of two (2) years, said probation to commence upon my return to the practice of nursing as a registered professional nurse in the State of New York, under the terms set forth in the exhibit annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "B".

I further agree to inform the Director, Office of Professional Discipline, of my return to practice as a registered professional nurse in the State of New York, by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to said Director, Office of Professional Discipline, New York State Education Department, at 1411 Broadway, Tenth Floor, New York, New York 10018-3496, at least seven (7) days before my return to practice as a registered professional nurse in the State of New York.

I hereby make this application to the Board of Regents and request that it be granted.

I understand that in the event that the Board of Regents denies the application, nothing contained herein shall be binding upon me or construed to be an admission of any act of misconduct alleged or charged against me. Such application shall not be used

TERRIE STEPHENS-TRAVERSE

against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence during the pendency of the disciplinary proceeding, and such denial by the Board of Regents shall be without prejudice to the continuance of the disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by the Board of Regents pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law.

I agree that in the event the Board of Regents grants my application, as set forth herein, an Order may be issued in accordance with the same. I understand that if and when the Board of Regents grants this application, the entire application shall become a matter of public record.

No promises of any kind were made to me. I am making this application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion, or restraint of any kind or manner.

~~TERRIE STEPHENS-TRAVERSE~~
Respondent

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE
STATE BOARD FOR NURSING

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IN THE MATTER

of the

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TERRIE STEPHENS-TRAVERSE

who is currently licensed to practice
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APPLICATION FOR
CONSENT ORDER

CAL. NO. 26790

The undersigned agree to the above statement and to the
proposed penalty based on the terms and conditions thereof.

Dated: June 25, 2013

~~Signature~~
**ATTORNEY SIGNATURE NOT REQUIRED,
RESPONDENT APPEARED PRO SE**

Dated: , 2013

Attorney for Respondent

Dated: 7-2, 2013

~~Signature~~

Member of the State Board
for Nursing

Dated: 8/15, 2013

~~Signature~~

Director
Office of Professional Discipline

The undersigned, a member of the Board of Regents who has
been designated by the Chairman of the Regents Committee on
Professional Practice to review this Application for a Consent
Order, has reviewed said Application and recommends to the Board
of Regents that the Application be granted.

Dated: Aug 23, 2013

~~Signature~~

Member, Board of Regents

IRB

EXHIBIT "A"

TERRIE STEPHENS-TRAVERSE

FIRST SPECIFICATION OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

Respondent is charged with practicing the profession of nursing fraudulently within the purview and meaning of New York Education Law section 6509(2), in that:

Respondent, while working as a registered professional nurse at Kingston Hospital in Kingston, New York, between November 1, 2011 and November 30, 2011, falsely withdrew the controlled substance Fentanyl from the PYXIS on multiple occasions for patients that were not assigned to Respondent.

SECOND SPECIFICATION OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

Respondent is further charged with practicing the profession of nursing fraudulently within the purview and meaning of New York Education Law section 6509(2), in that:

Respondent, while working as a registered professional nurse at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel, New York, between September 2012 and October 2012, falsely withdrew controlled substances from the PYXIS on five occasions. Respondent failed to document either the administration or wastage of the substances on these five occasions and there were no orders for the substances on two of these occasions.

EXHIBIT "B"

TERMS OF PROBATION

TERRIE STEPHENS-TRAVERSE

CALENDAR NO. 26790

1. That Respondent, during the period of probation, shall be in compliance with the standards of conduct prescribed by the law governing Respondent's profession;
2. That Respondent shall submit written notification to the New York State Education Department, addressed to the Director, Office of Professional Discipline, New York State Education Department, 1411 Broadway--Tenth Floor, New York, New York 10018-3496, of any employment and/or practice, Respondent's residence, telephone number, or mailing address, and of any change in Respondent's employment, practice, residence, telephone number, or mailing address within or without the State of New York;
3. Respondent shall, during the period of probation, abstain from the unauthorized use of all drugs and alcohol and shall remain fit to practice as a registered professional nurse;
4. That Respondent shall submit written proof from the Division of Professional Licensing Services (DPLS), New York State Education Department (NYSED), that Respondent has paid all registration fees due and owing to the NYSED and Respondent shall cooperate with and submit whatever papers are requested by DPLS in regard to said registration fees, said proof from DPLS to be submitted by Respondent to the NYSED, addressed to the Director, Office of Professional Discipline, as aforesaid, no later than the first three (3) months of the period of probation;
5. That Respondent shall submit written proof to the NYSED, addressed to the Director, Office of Professional Discipline, as aforesaid, that 1) Respondent is currently registered with the NYSED, unless Respondent submits written proof that Respondent has advised DPLS, NYSED, that Respondent is not engaging in the practice of Respondent's profession in the State of New York and does not desire to register, and that 2) Respondent has paid any fines which may have previously been imposed upon Respondent by the Board of Regents, said proof of the above to be submitted no later than the first two (2) months of the period of probation;

TERRIE STEPHENS-TRAVERSE
CALENDAR NO. 26790

6. That Respondent shall make quarterly visits to an employee of the Office of Professional Discipline, New York State Education Department, unless otherwise agreed to by said employee, for the purpose of said employee monitoring Respondent's terms of probation to assure compliance therewith, and Respondent shall cooperate with said employee, including the submission of information requested by said employee, regarding the aforesaid monitoring;
7. That upon receipt of evidence of noncompliance with or any other violation of any of the aforementioned terms of probation, the New York State Education Department may initiate a violation of probation proceeding and/or such other proceedings pursuant to the Education Law and/or Rules of the Board of Regents.