

**N.H. Respiratory Care Practitioners Governing Board
Office of Allied Health Professionals
Concord, New Hampshire 03301**

**In the Matter of:
Barbara Caruso, RCP**

ORDER

1. On December 14, 2010, Barbara Caruso, RCP (“Respondent”) entered into a Settlement Agreement (“2010 Agreement”) with the New Hampshire Respiratory Care Practitioners Governing Board (“Board”).
2. The 2010 Agreement imposed the following sanctions:
 - A. Respondent was to refrain from practicing as a respiratory care practitioner until she has completed a 5-week therapy treatment plan called Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) Therapy. Absent any concern from the TMS Therapy provider regarding Respondent’s fitness to practice, and upon submission to the Board of proof of completion of the TMS Therapy, Respondent would be allowed to continue to practice as a respiratory care practitioner.
 - B. Respondent was to comply with the recommendations made in Eric Mart, Ph.D., ABPP’s Psychological Report. A copy of this report was filed with the Board, under seal.
 - C. Respondent was to continue individual therapy to address the underlying issues that led to the 2010 Agreement. The therapist was to file periodic updates with the Board.

- D. Respondent was to work with a psychiatrist to address her underlying mental health issues and devise an appropriate regimen for dealing with those issues. The psychiatrist was to file periodic updates with the Board
- E. Respondent's license was restricted for twelve (12) months from the effective date of the 2010 Agreement. During the twelve-months period Respondent was not to be employed as a supervisor and at least one licensed respiratory care practitioner was to be on duty during all shifts where the Respondent is practicing as a respiratory care practitioner.
3. The Board finds that Respondent has completed the above requirements and orders that any restrictions on her license imposed by the 2010 Agreement are hereby lifted. The Board further orders that Respondent's health care providers are no longer required to file periodic updates with the Board.
4. This order shall be effective on the date it is signed by a duly authorized representative of the New Hampshire Board of Respiratory Care Practitioners Governing Board.

FOR THE BOARD/*

Date: December 8, 2011

Tina M Kelley
(Signature)

TINA M KELLEY
(Print Name
Duly Authorized Representative of the
New Hampshire Respiratory Care
Practitioners Governing Board

/* Board Members, recused: