

**BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE
RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS GOVERNING BOARD
OFFICE OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**In the Matter of
Pia. P. Walsh, RCP
License #: 0744
(Adjudicatory Proceedings)**

Docket # 07-01

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On January 15, 2009, the Respiratory Care Practitioners Governing Board ("Board") held a hearing to determine whether Pia P. Walsh, RCP ("Ms. Walsh" or the "Respondent") has complied with a prior *Settlement Agreement* and subsequent *Order of the Board*.

Procedural History

On December 14, 2006, the Board approved a *Settlement Agreement* with the Respondent. Subsequent to the *Settlement Agreement*, a hearing was held on September 13, 2007 to determine the Respondent's compliance with the *Settlement Agreement*. The *Order of the Board* provides, in pertinent part:

1. The Board orders that the Respondent shall provide a summary of the previous quarterly reports, covering the period from January 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007 as well as the quarterly reports that were due by September 30, 2007.
2. One report shall be provided by the supervising licensed Respiratory Care Practitioner at each and any of the Respondent's place(s) of employment. This report shall outline the Respondent's attendance at work and compliance with all recommendations made by the supervising respiratory care practitioner.
3. The Board has also extended the supervised practice period by twenty-four (24) months. Accordingly the Respondent is responsible for making sure that such future reports be sent to the Board on a quarterly basis, as is required by the *Settlement Agreement* of December 14, 2006.
4. Failure to comply with this order will result in suspension of the Respondent's license to practice.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND RULINGS OF LAW

Based on testimony heard at the hearing, the Board voted and rules as follows:

1. The information required by both the *Settlement Agreement*, dated December 14, 2006 and the *Order of the Board*, dated October 16, 2007 has not been filed with the Board in a timely fashion, or with sufficient information, and thus the Board finds that Respondent is not in compliance with the *Settlement Agreement* and *Order of the Board*.
2. The Board orders the suspension of Ms. Walsh's license for a period of no less than six (6) months, and the license shall not be reinstated after six (6) months until all requirements are met as outlined below.
 - A. The Respondent shall successfully complete an online program on Ethics, administered by the American Association for Respiratory Care ("AARC"). Proof of successful completion shall be the certificate of credit as issued by the AARC upon passing the required test given at the end of the program.
 - B. The Respondent shall submit to the Board all reports completing the requirements of the *Settlement Agreement* and *Order of the Board* on letterhead and signed by the person of authority:
 - Brittney S. Hamilton- psychotherapy- since last report received on November 19, 2007
 - John Quevillion- supervisor- since last acceptable report received February 13, 2008
 - Judith E. Olson, MD and Cynthia Cahoon, ARNP- since last report received July 22, 2008.
 - C. The Respondent shall maintain all requirements for renewal of her license including all continuing education.

This order shall take effect as an *Order of the Board* on the date it is signed by an authorized representative of the Board.

For the Board/*

This proceeding is hereby terminated in accordance with the binding terms and conditions set forth above.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD/*

Date: 02/10/2009



Robert G. Fishwick, Chair
Respiratory Care Practitioners
Governing Board

*/ Jeffrey T. Reisert, DO, Board member, recused, did not participate