



DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020

NKWO, CHUKWUEMEKA C. – RCP 42192

Convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol on four separate occasions. Perjured application for licensure by failing to disclose a conviction. Pursuant to a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, license granted, revoked, stayed, and placed on three (3) years' probation effective January 2, 2020.

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SALCEDO, RUBEN ANTHONY – RCP 11502

Negligent in the practice as a respiratory care practitioner involving two patients when unsafe respiratory care procedures, protocols, therapeutic regimens, or monitoring techniques were administered. Pursuant to a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, license revoked, stayed, and placed on five (5) years' probation effective January 10, 2020.

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HERNANDEZ, CHRISTOPHER – RCP 39930

Convicted of knowingly receiving installment payments to an obligation secured by an encumbrance. Previously cited and fined for a previous conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of 0.08% or more; and engaging in unlicensed practice and misrepresenting himself as a respiratory care practitioner. Pursuant to a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, license revoked, stayed, and placed on three (3) years' probation effective January 31, 2020.

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SMITH, JESSICA CATHERINE – RCP 29626

Convicted of driving under the combined influence of alcohol and drugs. Perjured her RCP license renewal application by failing to disclose her arrest. Pursuant to a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, license revoked, stayed, and placed on three (3) years' probation effective February 14, 2020.

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EXPLANATION OF DISCIPLINARY LANGUAGE AND ACTIONS

Effective date of decision: The date the disciplinary decision goes into operation.

Default Decision: A decision based on the licensee's failure to respond to formal charges after it has been served, or failure to appear at an Administrative Hearing. All charges are deemed true. The decision results in the revocation of the license.

Disciplinary Order: An order for discipline adopted by the Board.

Probation: Allows the licensee to practice as a respiratory care practitioner under terms and conditions for a set amount of time.

Proposed Decision: A decision rendered by an Administrative Law Judge through an Administrative Hearing. A proposed decision must be adopted by the Board before it can go into effect.

Revoked: The right to practice is ended due to disciplinary action. The license is invalidated, voided, annulled, or rescinded. The individual can no longer practice as a respiratory care practitioner in California.

Revoked, Stayed: "Stayed" means the revocation is postponed. Professional practice may continue so long as the licensee complies with specified terms and conditions of probation.

Stipulated Settlement: A form of plea bargaining. The case is formally negotiated and settled prior to a hearing.

Stipulated Surrendered: The Board agrees to allow the licensee to surrender the license as a resolution to a disciplinary matter. The individual can no longer practice as a respiratory care practitioner in California.

GERSHWIN, DAVID WARREN – RCP 28188

Convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol on three separate occasions and arrested for vandalism. Pursuant to a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, license revoked, stayed, and placed on three (3) years' probation effective February 28, 2020.

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CUNNINGHAM, KIM MARIE – RCP 16251

Failed to comply with Board-ordered probation by testing positive for metabolites of alcohol. Pursuant to a Decision proposed by an Administrative Law Judge, license revoked effective March 3, 2020.

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OBLIGACION, JOSEPHINE – RCP 848

Committed fraudulent, dishonest, or corrupt acts when submitting falsified and/or grossly incorrect, grossly inconsistent, or unintelligible entries into a patient, hospital, or other record. Pursuant to a Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, license surrendered effective March 5, 2020.

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HOLLIMON, CANDICE ESTELLE – RCP 14117

Negligence in the practice of respiratory care by failing to complete an arterial blood gas analysis ordered by a physician and placed improper ventilator settings that were at least 45 to 130 milliliters below accepted ranges causing critical CO₂ levels as well as under oxygenating a patient. Pursuant to a Disciplinary Order, license revoked, stayed, and placed on five (5) years' probation effective March 10, 2020.

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DUMAS, GRANT ASHLEY – RCP 36859

Committed unprofessional conduct and was negligent and/or incompetent in the practice of respiratory care, by failing to provide a patient with important contact information as well as delivered a portable oxygen concentrator that was not fully charged placing the patient's health at risk. Pursuant to a Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, license surrendered effective March 26, 2020.

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