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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF

Myrlande Dornelus, C.H.H.A. Certificate No. 26NH10179200

TO PRACTICE AS A CERTIFIED HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information that Myrlande Dornelus ("Respondent"), a certified homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey, was arrested on May 8, 2020 and charged with murder and related weapons charges. Specifically, it is alleged that Respondent stabbed her patient multiple times, resulting in the patient's death.

The allegations, if proven, would disqualify Respondent from certification pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:11-24.3 and demonstrate that Respondent has engaged in an act constituting a crime or offense involving moral turpitude or relating adversely to the activity

regulated by the Board, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), providing bases for disciplinary action against Respondent's certification.

It appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement temporarily surrendering her certification, to be deemed a suspension, without making admissions and without prejudice to her ability to defend any action brought based on the above allegations, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for good cause shown;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS day of my, 2020, ORDERED:

- 1. Respondent is hereby granted leave and shall immediately surrender her certification to practice as a homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey pending disposition of any criminal charges against her and further order of the Board. Said surrender shall be deemed a temporary suspension of Respondent's certification.
- 2. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, forward her homemaker-home health aide certificate, both wallet and wall versions, to Joanne Magrath, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- 3. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a certified homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey and/or practicing as a certified homemaker-home health aide, which includes but is not limited to performing delegated nursing regimens or nursing tasks delegated through the authority of a duly licensed professional nurse pending further order of the Board.
- 4. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of Respondent.
 - 5. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation

and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing homemaker-home health aide practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.

- 6. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating further disciplinary action based upon any of the conduct that Respondent is alleged to have engaged in as set forth above.
- 7. In the event that Respondent seeks reinstatement of her New Jersey certification in the future, at the Board's discretion, Respondent shall:
 - a. Appear before the Board to discuss her readiness to reenter practice as a homemaker-home health aide.
 - b. Provide the Board with evidence that she is capable of discharging the functions of a certificate holder in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare.
 - c. Provide the Board with documentation evidencing how all criminal charges brought against Respondent were adjudicated/resolved.
- 8. The Board reserves the right to place restrictions and/or limitations upon Respondent's certification to practice as a homemaker-home health aide in the State of

New Jersey in the event that her certification is reinstated.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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Barbara B. Blozen, Ed.D, MA, RN-BC, CNL **Board President**

I have read and understand the above Consent Order and I agree to abide by its terms. I understand that this Consent Order has serious legal consequences and have decided to enter into this agreement with the Board without counsel. Consent is hereby given to the

Board to enter this Order.

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