NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD

1100 Navaho Drive, Suite 242
Raleigh, NC 27609

CONSENT ORDER

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IN THE MATTER OF:
VICTORIA L. WEATHERFORD
RESPIRATORY CARE LICENSE #4959

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WHEREAS the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board (the "Board") is charged with the administration of The Respiratory Care Practice Act, codified in the North Carolina General Statutes at G.S. 90-646 et. seq. (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS on or about October 16, 2006, the Board issued a license to practice respiratory care to Ms. Victoria L. Weatherford ("Licensee"), license number 4959; and

WHEREAS the Board received a complaint that the licensee had failed to pay the required fee to complete her criminal background check with the NC State Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS the Board tried on numerous occasions to request the payment of the required fee by sending correspondence by certified mail and by email to the License's mailing address of record and email address of record; and

WHEREAS the Board summarily suspended the license of Victoria L. Weatherford on April 12, 2007 for failure to provide the required fee and revoked the license of Victoria L. Weatherford at a hearing held on July 12, 2007; and

WHEREAS the Licensee requested reinstatement of her license to practice respiratory care on August 14, 2007; and

WHEREAS the Board conducted an investigation pursuant to G.S. 90-652 (5) into the activities of the Licensee to determine if she has violated, is violating, or is about to violate any provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS the Board's statute and its administrative rules establish standards that govern the conduct of anyone licensed by the Board while engaged in providing respiratory care; and

WHEREAS Licensee was invited to an informal interview on October 10, 2007 with the Board's Investigation and Informal Settlement Committee to discuss the alleged conduct; and

WHEREAS the Board met on October 11, 2007 and determined to issue a Consent Order to the Licensee for the conduct described above; and

WHEREAS the Licensee agrees to the entry of this Consent Order, and voluntarily agrees to waive any rights to a hearing upon entry of this Consent Order, and waives the right to seek judicial review or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Order;

AND WHEREAS upon the entry of this Consent Order, this matter will be resolved with the express understanding that the Licensee will comply with all of the terms contained herein.

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NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The Licensee shall continue to comply with the Act, the Board's Rules, and the Board's published interpretation of those rules.

The Licensee agrees to provide a report to the Board's Executive Director of her current mailing address, practice site and other pertinent information via a form to be enclosed with this order.

The Licensee agrees to pay to the Board within 90 days of the signature date of this order, the sum of $400.00 to pay the cost of disciplinary action as authorized by G.S. 90-666(d).

Entry of this Consent Order is without prejudice to the right of the Board to take any administrative or judicial action against Licensee to enforce this Consent Order if the Board determines that the Licensee is not fully complying with any term or condition stated herein.

This Consent Order shall become final when accepted by the Licensee and entered by the Board based on execution of the Consent Order by its Executive Director.

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CONSENT TO ISSUANCE OF ORDER BY LICENSEE

I, Victoria L. Weatherford, state that I have read the foregoing Consent Order; and that I know and fully understand its contents. I understand and agree that it is being entered to allow me to continue to be licensed by the Board to practice respiratory care, while fulfilling the Board's responsibility to regulate the practice of respiratory care. I consent to the entry of this Consent Order and agree freely and without threat or coercion of any kind to comply with the terms and conditions stated herein, as a condition of maintaining my license from the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board.

Victoria L. Weatherford

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF WAKE)

There personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of WAKE, State of North Carolina, Victoria L. Weatherford, who after having presented documentation of her identity that was satisfactory to me did acknowledge that she executed the foregoing Consent Order as her free and voluntary act.

This 31 day of October, 2007

Courtney L. Shirley

SEAL

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 11/21/2011

ENTRY OF CONSENT ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD:

Based on the agreement of the Licensee and the authority previously conveyed by resolution of the Board, the foregoing Consent Order is entered at Raleigh, North Carolina

This 1st day of November 2007

Floyd E. Boyer, RRT, RCP
Executive Director