BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

In Re:

Janet L. Conviser (License No. 18572)

ORDER REINSTATING LICENSE WITH CONDITIONS

THIS MATTER was heard on July 21, 2009, by the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy ("Board") located at 6015 Farrington Road, Suite 201, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, upon the request of Janet L. Conviser ("Petitioner") for reinstatement of her license to practice pharmacy in the state of North Carolina. Board members McLaughlin, Haywood, Nelson, and Dennis, conducted this hearing. After hearing the testimony of witnesses, adjudging the credibility of the witnesses, and receiving evidence, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At relevant times, Petitioner was licensed to practice pharmacy by the Board and was the holder of license number 18572.


3. In October 2007, Petitioner was admitted to the William Farley Center in Williamsburg, VA for in-patient treatment for substance abuse – specifically abuse of hydrocodone, a Schedule II controlled substance. While a patient at the Farley Center, Petitioner briefly left the facility against medical advice, but returned shortly thereafter.

5. In November 2007, Petitioner signed a treatment and monitoring contract with the North Carolina Pharmacist Recovery Network ("NCPRN").

6. Petitioner’s initial history of compliance with NCPRN obligations was spotty.

7. In February 2008, Petitioner was discovered to be using Suboxone without approval of her therapist or NCPRN.

8. In April 2008, Petitioner tested positive for tramadol, the use of which was prohibited by her NCPRN contract.

9. In the early months of 2008, Petitioner also missed a handful of drug testing call-ins and tests.

10. Petitioner testified that in early 2008, she felt that she had conquered her addiction problems and was reluctant to recognize continuing problems or ask for help.

11. Since April 2008, Petitioner has been fully compliant with her NCPRN obligations, and has had over 60 negative drug screenings. Petitioner is actively involved with various support groups and therapy.

12. Petitioner’s therapist has stated that her approach to substance abuse treatment and recovery changed in April 2008, that she is committed to recovery, in successful recovery, and capable of returning to the practice of pharmacy.

13. NCPRN likewise advocates Petitioner’s return to the practice of pharmacy with appropriate conditions.
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Petitioner has demonstrated that she has been in a period of successful recovery and compliance with her NCPRN contract. The Board, in its discretion, concludes that Petitioner can safely resume the practice of pharmacy.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Petitioner’s license to practice pharmacy shall be reinstated, subject to the following conditions:

1. Petitioner shall successfully complete her NCPRN contract, which shall be renewed to extend for five (5) years from the date of this Order.

2. Petitioner shall maintain and keep current her crisis plan.

3. Petitioner shall advise the Board promptly in writing of any change of address or change in practice status.

4. Petitioner shall obtain prior approval of all employment as a pharmacist from the Board’s Executive Director.

5. Petitioner shall not serve as pharmacist manager of any pharmacy.

6. Petitioner shall not serve as a preceptor of pharmacy students.

7. Petitioner may not be employed as a pharmacist more than 40 hours per week, on average.

8. Petitioner shall be subject to unannounced drug screens to be performed at her expense by the Board or its agents, and shall supply urine, blood, hair, nail, or any other bodily fluid or tissue sample required for the screening. Results of the screening shall not disclose the presence of any controlled substance, prescription drug, or alcohol that was not previously prescribed.
for Petitioner by a practitioner acting in the normal course of medical treatment of Petitioner.

9. Petitioner shall authorize NCPRN, and any treating physician or other health-care provider to release Petitioner’s medical records to the Board.

10. If Petitioner fails to comply with any terms or conditions of this Order, Petitioner may be subject to additional disciplinary action by the Board.

11. Petitioner shall violate no laws governing the practice of pharmacy or the distribution of drugs.

12. Petitioner shall violate no rules or regulations of the Board.

13. Petitioner shall provide documentation that she has obtained those continuing education requirements necessary for issuance of a license.

The Board suggests that Petitioner obtain some continuing education hours in pharmacy law.
This is the 22st day of July, 2009.

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

By:

Jack W. Campbell IV
Executive Director
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on July 23, 2009, I caused a copy of this Order Reinstating License to be served on Petitioner by registered mail, return-receipt requested.

Jack W. Campbell IV
Executive Director

cc: Conviser License File
Mary Christine Parks, Interim Executive Director, North Carolina Pharmacist Recovery Network