



NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD

**1100 Navaho Drive, Suite 242
Raleigh, NC 27609**

CONSENT ORDER

**IN THE MATTER OF:
LINDA W. ROUNS
RESPIRATORY CARE LICENSE #1000**

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 Linda W. Rouns, the "Licensee", was found practicing Respiratory Care in North Carolina without a license in violation of G.S. 90.659(a)(1)c and G.S. 90.661(1); and

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

WHEREAS the RCP license of Linda W. Rouns expired at midnight on August 28, 2006; and

WHEREAS the Licensee worked with an expired license a total of 16 shifts between August 29, 2006 to October 6, 2006; and

WHEREAS on January 10, 2007 the Investigational and Informal Settlement Committee of the Board, acting pursuant to 21 NCAC 61.0203, conducted an interview of the Licensee; and

WHEREAS the Board met on January 11, 2007 and determined to issue a Consent Order to the Licensee; 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.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

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

Licensee agrees to the Suspension of her Respiratory Care Practitioner license for a period of 30 days. The Suspension Order shall be stayed for a period of 6 months.

The Licensee agrees to pay to the Board within 90 days of signature of this order, the sum of \$250.00 for Civil Penalties which are authorized by G.S. 90-666(a) and 21 NCAC 61.0309 (d)(1) and the sum of \$100.00 to pay the cost of disciplinary action as authorized by G.S. 90-666(d).

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

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

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CONSENT TO ISSUANCE OF ORDER BY LICENSEE

I, Linda W. Rouns, state that I have read the foregoing Consent Order; that I know and fully understand its contents; that I agree freely and without threat or coercion of any kind to comply with the terms and conditions stated herein; and that I consent to the entry of this Consent Order, as a condition of maintaining my license from the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board.



Linda W. Rouns

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF NC.)
Brunswick

There personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of _____, State of North Carolina, Linda W. Rouns, 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 24 day of January, 2007



Notary Public

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My Commission Expires: Aug 1, 2009

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 26th day of JANUARY 2007



Floyd E. Boyer, RRT, RCP
Executive Director