IN THE MATTER OF

\* BEFORE THE

FANCHETTE S. ROBINSON, P.D.

\* STATE BOARD

RESPONDENT

\* OF PHARMACY

LICENSE NUMBER: 11481

CASE NUMBER: 05-166

ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. § 10-226 (c) (2004 Repl. Vol.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the license to practice pharmacy in Maryland issued to Fanchette S. Robinson, P.D., License Number: 11481 ("the Respondent"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. §12-101, et seq., (2000 Repl. Vol. and 2004 Supp.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

### **BACKGROUND**

- 1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was licensed to practice pharmacy in Maryland. The Respondent was first licensed to practice pharmacy on August 3, 1988.
- 2. On about April 27, 2005, a petition for emergency evaluation was filed in the District Court of Maryland to have the Respondent taken to Sinai Hospital ("Sinai"). The Respondent had threaten her terminally ill father with physical abuse.
- 3. While in Sinai's emergency room, the Respondent was evaluated and diagnosed by two physicians. Both physicians rendered an opinion that the Respondent was a danger to herself and required hospitalization.

- 4. The Respondent was diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder.
- 5. On May 4, 2005, the Respondent was retained at Sinai following a involuntarily commitment hearing.
- 6. During the initial stages of her hospitalization, the Respondent was psychotic and displayed impaired judgment and insight. The Respondent also refused to take medication and she refused to bathe or shower.
- 7. The Respondent eventually agreed to take medication, however the Respondent's condition did not improve much during her hospitalization. Despite having received several different anti-psychotic medications, the Respondent remained psychotic with very fixed delusions.
- 8. According to her treatment records, the Respondent remained "isolative, anxious, guarded, and paranoid." Throughout most of her hospitalization, the Respondent's thought process remained disorganized and tangential.
- 9. The Respondent told her treatment team that she did not believe that she suffered from schizophrenia and she did not need to take medication.
- 10. The Respondent also told her treatment team that she would seek work as a pharmacist once she was discharged from Sinai.
- 11. The Respondent told family members that she would not take her medication when she was discharged from Sinai.
  - 12. The Respondent was discharged from Sinai on June 9, 2005.
- 13. The Respondent refused follow-up care or referrals recommended by her treatment team. The Respondent also refused to tell her treatment team where she would be living.

- 14. The Respondent did not return to Sinai for aftercare treatment that was scheduled for June 16, 2005.
- 15. The Respondent's treatment team notified the Board by letter dated June 9, 2005 that "the persistence and severity of her illness despite treatment led to the treatment team's concern regarding Ms. Robinson's ability to competently carry out the duties of a pharmacist".

# **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The above actions also constitute violations of the Act. Specifically, the Respondent violated the following provision of §12-313:

- (b) Subject to the hearing provisions of §12-315 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation; or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:
  - (20) Is professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. § 10-226(c) (2) (2004 Repl. Vol.).

### <u>ORDER</u>

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted by the Board by Md.

State Govt. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2004 Repl. Vol.), the license held by the Respondent to practice pharmacy in Maryland, License No. 11481, is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further

ORDERED, that upon the Board's receipt of a written request from the Respondent, a Show Cause Hearing shall be scheduled within thirty days of said request, at which, the Respondent will be given an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Summary Suspension should be lifted/terminated, regarding the Respondent's fitness to practice pharmacy and the danger to the public; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Respondent shall immediately turn over to the Board her wall certificate and wallet-sized license to practice pharmacy issued by the Board; and be it further

ORDERED, that this document constitutes a final Order of the Board and is therefore a public document for purposes of public disclosure, as required by Md. State Govt. Code Ann. § 10-617(h) (2004 Repl. Vol.).

John H. Balch, P.D. President
Board of Pharmacy

# NOTICE OF HEARING

A Show Cause hearing to determine whether the Summary Suspension shall be lifted or terminated will be held before the Board at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, 21215 following a written request by the Respondent for same.