

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF CHEMICAL
DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
MARTINA ROMERO
LICENSE NUMBER: CDP00398**

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to § 5-69-10 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Department of Health (hereinafter "Department"), the Board of Chemical Dependency Professionals (hereinafter "Board") has investigated a complaint charging Martina Romero (hereinafter "Respondent") with a violation of § 5-69-10(4), (8) and (12).

After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent was a licensed chemical dependency professional in the State of Rhode Island until October 31, 2008.
2. Respondent allowed her license to expire on October 31, 2008, while she was serving a six-month probationary period for a violation relating to reporting of toxicology screens, which probation would have ended on December 5, 2008.

3. Respondent has failed to submit proof of the requisite number of continuing education courses since October 31, 2008, and has failed to submit renewal of license fees to the Department in 2008, 2010 and 2012.
4. Respondent admitted to a staff member of the Department that she has continued to work as a chemical dependency professional since 2008.
5. Respondent seeks reinstatement of her license as a chemical dependency professional.
6. The conduct described in paragraphs two (2) to four (4) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Section 5-69-10(4), (8) and (12) of the Rhode Island General Laws and the Rules and Regulation promulgated thereunder.

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
2. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to the final approval by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final approval by the Department.
3. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;

- b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
 - c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
 - d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
 - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein; and
 - f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order.
4. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties.
 5. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
 6. That Respondent agrees to a two (2) year period of suspension, stayed for a two (2) year period.
 7. That Respondent agrees to a two (2) year period of Probation.
 8. That said period of probation and stayed suspension shall commence upon the date of reinstatement of Respondent's license but not before execution of this Consent Order by all parties; and this Consent Order will be held in abeyance for the duration of any period in which Respondent ceases to be employed as a chemical dependency professional in Rhode Island.
 9. Respondent shall complete the required continuing education credits for the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 prior to March 1, 2013, and shall submit to the Department the required proof of completion of such credits

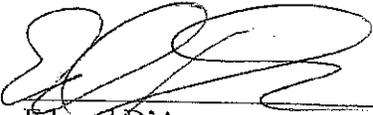
- by March 15, 2013, or she shall be suspended immediately in accordance with paragraph thirteen (13) herein.
10. Respondent shall pay to the Department the renewal fees for the years 2008, 2010 and 2012 as a condition of the reinstatement of her license as a chemical dependency professional.
 11. Respondent shall remit to the Rhode Island General Treasurer an administrative fee of \$500 for practicing without a license as a Chemical Dependency Professional.
 12. Respondent's license as a chemical dependency professional shall be reinstated under the conditions of this Consent Order upon her completion of the conditions paragraphs ten (10) and eleven (11) herein.
 13. During Respondent's two year probationary period, Respondent shall submit a quarterly report approved and signed by her employer indicating that her employer has randomly sampled ten (10) charts for the previous three months and has verified that any reporting of toxicology screens by Respondent has matched the actual toxicology results of the patients whose charts were sampled. If the quarterly report is not submitted to the Department within two (2) weeks of the end of each three (3) month period, Respondent's license shall be suspended in accordance with paragraph thirteen (13) herein.
 14. In the event that any terms of this Consent Order are violated, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to summarily suspend the Respondent's license. If the Director suspends the license,

Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days of the suspension. The Director of the Department of Health shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of any violation of this Consent Order, and the Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license for the remainder of Respondent's probationary period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

November 23, 2012.
Date


Martina Romero
License #CDP00398

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Date


Edward D'Arezzo
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