

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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

**vs.**

**STEFANIE BRIGANTI (CDP00476)**

**CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 5-69, the Department of Health, Board of Chemical Dependency Professionals (hereinafter "Department") has investigated a complaint charging Stefanie Briganti (hereinafter "Respondent"), with violations of 5-69-10 of the Rhode Island General Laws. After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a chemical dependency professional licensed to operate in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That on or about the timeframe of February 6, 2008 to July 28, 2010, while employed at Addiction Recovery Institute-North located at 31 North Union Street, Pawtucket, RI, Respondent engaged in an improper personal relationship with a patient.
3. That on December 15, 2010, Respondent appeared in person to the Department and provided false testimony to the Department regarding her call history to the patient in question.

Pursuant to Section 5-69-10, this conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct in the State of Rhode Island.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a licensed chemical dependency professional and is able to conduct business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to the final ratification by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Department.
4. 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 its 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;
  - f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
  - g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Department for consideration and review;
  - h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Department to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;

- i) Any objection to the fact that the Department reviewing this Consent Order may be the same as the hearing committee presiding over this matter should it later be brought to an administrative hearing.
- j) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Department.

5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and accepted by the Department.
6. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
7. Respondent's license shall be revoked for a minimum period of 5 (five) years. Said revocation will commence upon ratification of this consent order and will remain in effect pending further action or order of the Department.
8. That upon the termination of a minimum 5 (five) year period, if Respondent complies with the Laws and Regulations governing the practice of a chemical dependency professional, she must, in writing, apply for reinstatement of her chemical dependency license. In addition, upon approval of her reinstatement by the Department, Respondent must submit a new application to the Department and fulfill any prerequisites, certifications, and fees required of the application. Respondent shall not commence practice as a Chemical Dependency Professional prior to the approval of her application by the Department.
9. That should Respondent violate the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.

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Date

Stefanie Briganti  
Stefanie Briganti  
License # CDP00476

Approved on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011

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