

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH :
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION :
BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SOCIAL WORK :

vs. :

MICHAEL CORDEIRO, LICSW :

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws (2004 Reenactment) Section 5-39.1-10 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Department of Health (hereinafter "Department"), Board of Examiners in Social Work (hereinafter "Board") has investigated a complaint charging Michael Cordeiro (hereinafter "Respondent") with a violation of Section 5-39.1-10 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island (2004 Reenactment). ^{(13) MC}

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 licensed independent clinical social worker licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That on January 29, 2005, while intoxicated, the Respondent did telephone and then visit the home of Patient A (an active patient of the Respondent).
3. That the conduct described in paragraph two (2) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Section 5-39.1-10 of the Rhode Island General Laws and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a licensed independent clinical social worker licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.

2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under 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 approval by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final approval 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 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.
5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties.
6. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
7. Respondent agrees to a three (3) year period of probation of his license to practice as a social worker.
8. That upon execution of this Order by both parties the Respondent shall submit to an evaluation for substance abuse by a Board-approved mental health professional and then submit to the appropriate therapy as recommended by the evaluation. The recommended therapy is to be prescribed by a Board-approved mental health professional.
9. That during the period of probation Respondent shall submit to random urine screening.
10. That during the period of probation Respondent shall complete coursework in ethics and professional boundaries. Said coursework must be submitted for board approval prior to registration for the course.

11. That should Respondent comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of social work during the period of probation and comply with the requirements of the Consent Order, he may apply to the Board for an unrestricted license to practice as a social worker.
12. That should Respondent fail to comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of social work and/or fail to comply with the requirements of the Consent Order, his license to practice as a licensed independent social worker shall be subject to suspension or other appropriate disciplinary action.



Michael Cordeiro



Charles Alexandre, MSN, RN
Chief
Health Professions Regulation

Date May 24, 2006