

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION
AND NURSING EDUCATION**

vs.

ELIZABETH WINNARD (LPN07252)

ORDER

Pursuant to Section 5-34-25 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2004 Reenactment, a complaint was filed with the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (hereinafter referred to as "Board") charging Elizabeth Winnard, LPN, Respondent, with violation of Chapter 5-34 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2004 Reenactment.

After consideration by the Investigating Subcommittee of the Board, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent.

1. Respondent is a licensed practical nurse licensed to practice nursing in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That on or about September 10, 2001 Respondent entered into a consent order with the Board wherein Respondent' licensed was reinstated, however Respondent was to serve a period of probation of at least one (1) year. Pursuant to paragraph ten (10) of the consent order Respondent shall submit to the Board evaluations from her employer at the end of three (3) months and quarterly thereafter; that at the expiration of the three (3) year period of probation, Respondent's employer shall submit to the Board reports relating to Respondent's conduct and performance; that it shall be the responsibility of Respondent to have the employer submit said reports.

3. That Respondent is not in compliance with said consent order in that the Board has received only three (3) reports dated August 27, 2002, August 8, 2003 and February 3, 2004.
4. That pursuant to paragraph 12 of the consent order Respondent was to present evidence of successful completion of a course in pharmacology on or before December 31, 2001. To date the evidence has not been received by the Board.
5. That on or about January 8, 2006 Respondent took an order for MSO4 concentrate 20 mg to be administered every four hours to Resident A for shortness of breath, and that Respondent transcribed medication to be administered every two hours; that said Resident received the medication as transcribed. That on or about January 7, 2006 Respondent did fail to change the pick line dressing for Resident B as ordered.

Based upon the foregoing, the Board hereby enters the following Order:

1. That the registered nurse license issued to the Respondent is hereby suspended effective April 17, 2006.
2. That Respondent shall not reapply for reinstatement of the registered nurse license for a period of at least two (2) years.
3. That at the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the licensed practical nurse license, Respondent shall submit documentation to the Board evidencing that she is capable and competent to engage in the practice of nursing.
4. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect pending further Order of the Board.

Entered as an Order of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education at a meeting held on March 13, 2006.

Date: April 17, 2006

Sharon K. Smith
President, Board of Nurse Registration
and Nursing Education