

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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

vs.

**LAWRENCE JENSON, LPN (LPN 09322)**

**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 Lawrence Jenson, 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 practical nurse licensed to practice nursing in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That Respondent entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board on March 13, 2006 placing his practical nurse on a probationary status according to terms of this agreement.
3. That progress reports submitted to the Board from his treatment provider indicated that Respondent has failed to be compliant with the terms of said Consent Agreement, whereas Respondent cancelled counseling sessions in January, February, March, April, and May of 2007.
4. That in February 2007, Respondent failed to submit to a radon urine screen and that on March 7, 2007, Respondent tested positive for cocaine.

5. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) above constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Sections 5-34-19 (c) in that Respondent's actions fail to conform to the standards established by the nursing profession.

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

1. That the practical nurse license issued to the Respondent is hereby suspended effective July 9, 2007.
2. That at the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the practical nurse license, he shall submit documentation to the Board evidencing that he is capable and competent to engage in the practice of nursing. Such documentation shall include, but not limited to evidence of reports from a health care professional that the Respondent has consistently been undergoing treatment for alcohol and/or substance abuse, and such other information as the Board deems appropriate at this time.
3. 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 July 9, 2007

Date: 07/9/07

  
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President, Board of Nurse Registration  
and Nursing Education