STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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

vs.

LYNDA HOPKINS, LPN (LPN08455)

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Section 5-34-25 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 Lynda Hopkins, LPN, Respondent with a violation of Chapter 5-34 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2004 Reenactment.

After consideration by the Investigating Committee of the Board, it was agreed by and between the parties:

1. Respondent is a licensed practical nurse licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That at all pertinent times Respondent was employed at Bannister House, Inc.
3. That Respondent admits to engaging in an inappropriate relationship with a patient at Bannister House, Inc., while employed as a nurse.
4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 5-34-24 (4) and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a licensed practical nurse and 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 Board.

3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Board and subject to final ratification by the Board. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.

4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

   a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;

   b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in her behalf at a hearing;

   c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;

   d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;

   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 Board for consideration and review;

   h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the board 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 Board reviewing this Consent Order may be the same as the Hearing Committee presiding over this matter should it later be brought to an administrative proceeding;

   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 Board.

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 Board.

6. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Board of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.

7. Respondent voluntarily agrees to accept the sanction of a Reprimand.

8. That the Respondent shall, on or before July 31, 2008, present evidence of enrollment and satisfactory completion of continuing education courses in Ethics and Sexual Harassment. Said courses must be approved by the Board prior to respondent registering and enrolling in same.

9. That should Respondent fail to comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing and/or fail to comply with the terms of this Consent Order, her license as a practical nurse shall be subjected to suspension or other appropriate disciplinary action.

Lynda Hopkins
Lynda Hopkins

President, Board of Nurse Registration
and Nursing Education

Ratified as an order of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education at a meeting held on this 9 day of June 2008.