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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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

vs.

**MAUREEN PRASCHUMUS, LPN (LPN0090025)**

**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 Maureen Praschumus, 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 Committee 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 14 February 2005 Respondent entered into a Confidential Diversion Contract with the Board for unprofessional conduct, wherein Respondent ingested a controlled substance prescribed for one of her patients while employed at Haven Health Center of Warren, Rhode Island.
3. That pursuant to paragraph eleven (11) of the Diversion Contract Respondent shall continue counseling and/or treatment for drug and/or alcohol abuse and shall continue such counseling and/or treatment programs as the healthcare provider rendering care deems appropriate.

4. That the Board is in receipt of the first and only report from her healthcare provider, dated 29 March 2005, wherein Respondent "left for Florida on March 11, 2005 and is not expected to return until June 2005 whereby Respondent's will need to restart treatment".
5. Pursuant to paragraph seven (7) of the Diversion Contract, Respondent agrees to notify the Board of the name and address of Respondent's employer's. To date the Board has not received this required report.

Pursuant to Section 5-34-24, the conduct described in paragraphs four (4) and five (5) constitutes unprofessional conduct in the State of Rhode Island and, as such, is grounds to revoke your license.

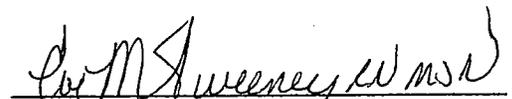
The parties agree as follows:

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 and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Board and is subject to the 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 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 Board.
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 Board of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
  7. Failure to comply with the Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
  8. Respondent agrees to the suspension of her Licensed Practical Nurse license for an indefinite period of time.

9. At the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the Licensed Practical Nurse license, she shall submit documentation to the Board evidencing that she is capable and competent to engage in the practice of nursing. Such documentation to the Board shall include, but not be limited to, evidence and reports from a Board approved health care professional that the Respondent has consistently been undergoing treatment for alcohol and/or substance abuse, and such other information as the Board may deem appropriate at that time.
10. That should Respondent violate the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.
11. That the voluntary surrender of Respondent's license to practice nursing shall remain in full force and effect pending further order of the Board.

  
Maureen Prashumus, LPN

  
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 13 day of JUNE 2005.