

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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

vs.

**PAUL PINKRAH, LPN (LPN09188)**

**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 Paul Pinkrah, 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 May 13, 2002 Respondent received a Reprimand for failure to collect accurate data, monitor and notify the physician of a patient's adverse condition after a fall.
3. That in March 2004 Respondent while on Probation failed to complete required education courses and was non-compliance with his Consent Order.
4. December 12, 2005 Respondent was put on probation for not administering medication as prescribed.

5. That on June 6, 2006 the Respondent failed to collect accurate data and monitor a patient experiencing a hypoglycemic reaction the patient became unresponsive requiring hospitalization.
6. That on March 5, 2008 Respondent failed to notify the physician of changes in a patient's condition after a fall.
7. That on March 14, 2008 failed to collect accurate data, monitor, and report changes in a diabetic patient's condition (low blood sugar) to a supervisor or physician. In addition, on that date Respondent received a poor employment evaluation for the inability to accurately collect information, monitor and report adverse conditions in patients to physicians and displaying poor judgment in patient care.
8. That on March 27, 2008 respondent was working with an expired license.

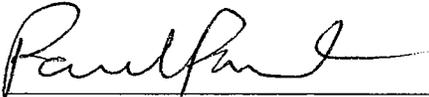
Pursuant to Section 5-34-24, 6 (v), this conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct in the State of Rhode Island and, as such, is grounds to discipline your license.

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 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. Failure to comply with the Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.

8. The Respondent agrees to a suspension of his practical nurse license until all conditions listed below are met.
9. That the Respondent shall present evidence of enrollment and satisfactory completion of continuing education courses in NLNAC accredited on-line LPN refresher course (access at the public library) and training in Diabetes to improve his clinical skills.
10. Said courses must be approved by the Board prior to respondent registering and enrolling in same.
11. That Respondent can request reinstatement of his practical nurse license upon satisfactory completion of the aforementioned courses.
12. That should Respondent violate the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.
13. That the suspension of Respondent's license to practice nursing shall remain in full force and effect pending further order of the Board.

  
Paul Pinkrah, 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 9 day of June 2008.