

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION

RE: TERRY PRIOR
LPN09945
C16-894

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to § 5-34-24 of the Rhode Island General Laws and the Rules and Regulations promulgated there under, the Rhode Island Department of Health (the "Department"), and the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (the "Board") has investigated a complaint charging Terry Prior, LPN09945 ("Respondent") with a violation of Chapter 5-34 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

After review and consideration by an Investigating Committee of the Board, the Board made the following Findings of Fact with respect to the professional conduct of Respondent:

FINDINGS:

1. Respondent is a licensed practical nurse licensed to practice nursing in the State of Rhode Island under practical nurse License Number LPN 09945.
2. At all pertinent times, Respondent was employed at Royal Westerly Nursing Home at 79 Beach Street in Westerly, Rhode Island.
3. On July 5, 2016, while on duty, Respondent took five (5) Benadryl tablets from Royal Westerly Nursing Home for her own use.
4. The conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 5-34-24(6)(v) and the Rules and Regulations promulgated there under.

AGREEMENT:

The Board and Respondent (together, 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, license number LPN09945.
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 this it is a proposal of an Investigating Committee of the Board and is subject to the final ratification by the Board. This Consent Order and the contents herein 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 right 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. Respondent's agreement to enter into this Consent Order constitutes an admission by her that all of the Board's Findings of Facts, as contained herein, are accurate and correct.

7. Respondent voluntarily agrees to accept the sanction of a Reprimand against her licensed practical nurse license.
8. Respondent agrees that she shall be placed on a one-year probation from the date this Consent Order is ratified by the Board.
9. During said period of probation, Respondent shall provide the Board with copies of all formal employer performance appraisals and evaluations conducted by her employer of her performance. Respondent agrees that the Board shall be permitted to request from her employer copies of her performance appraisals and evaluations.
10. During said period of probation, Respondent shall inform the Board of any change in her employment status, including whether she remains employed or obtains new employment.
11. Within six months of the date this Consent Order is ratified by the Board, Respondent shall complete continuing education units pre-approved by the Board in the following areas:
 - a. Nursing Ethics
 - b. Effective Communication
 - c. Patient Abuse
 - d. Medication Administration.

Note: Respondent must forward course information and obtain the Board's approval of the CEU she intends to take in order to satisfy the terms of this Consent Order.

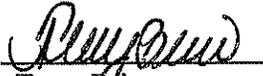
12. Should Respondent fail to comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing and/or fail to comply with the terms of the Consent Order, her license as a Licensed Practical Nurse may be subject to suspension or other appropriate disciplinary action.

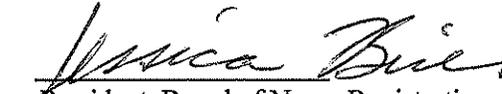
ACCORDINGLY AND BASED ON THE FOREGOING

The Rhode Island Department of Health and the Respondent hereby agree to the following disposition of this complaint:

1. That Respondent is hereby issued the sanction of a Reprimand.

2. Respondent shall be placed on Probation pursuant to the terms contained herein for a a period of one-year.
3. That this Order shall become part of a public record of this proceeding.


Terry Prior
LPN 09945


President, Board of Nurse Registration
and Nursing Education

Date: 10/17/2016

Date: 10/17/14

Ratified as an order of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education at a meeting held on this _____ day of _____, 2016.