STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION

vs.

ANGELA SANTIAGO (NA27652)

ORDER

This matter is before the Department of Health (hereinafter "Department") and the Advisory Board for Nursing Assistants upon application for reinstatement of registration as a nursing assistant filed by Angela Santiago (hereinafter "Respondent"). That on or about 4 January 2001, Respondent entered into a Consent Agreement with the Department wherein she was to serve a period of probation through 1 October 2002 after having plead nolo contendere to charges of domestic violence and possession of marijuana with intent to deliver. Respondent failed to meet the requirements of the Agreement in that the reports from her employer and her probation counselor were not submitted to the Department pursuant to paragraphs three (3) and four (4) of the Agreement. That on or about 30 June 2005 Respondent's nursing assistant registration was not renewed and allowed to expire without completion of the probationary status. That on or about 24 January 2007 Respondent submitted an application for reinstatement of the nursing assistant registration. That pursuant to section 23-17.9-8(3) of the Rhode Island General Laws (2001 Reenactment) such conduct constitutes ground to deny application for licensure as a nursing assistant.

Based on the foregoing, the Department hereby enters the following:

1. Nursing Assistant license issued to the Respondent is hereby put on probation for a period of one (1) year commencing upon 4 May 2007.

2. That the probationary period will be in effect upon employment of the Respondent as a Nursing Assistant in a licensed health care facility, and will abate for any period when the Respondent is not employed as a Nursing Assistant.

3. Respondent will notify the Department of any lapse in employment and the probation will be extended until one (1) year of employment as a Nursing Assistant is completed.

4. That Respondent shall enter into and continue to adhere to conditions of a contract with a peer assistance program or other health care professional counseling and/or treatment program or provide evidence of completion.

5. That Respondent will authorize her Probation Counselor to notify the Department of the status of the probation.

6. Respondent will require supervision. This stipulation will be documented and reported to the Department by a supervising Registered Nurse.

7. That, during, the period of probation, the Respondent's employer shall submit quarterly reports to the Board relating to the Respondent's conduct and performance; that it shall be the responsibility of Respondent to have the employer(s) submit said reports.

8. That during the period of probation, should Respondent change employment, Respondent shall notify the Board forthwith of said changes including the name and address of the new employer(s), date Respondent commences said employment and the reason for the change in employment.

9. That during the period of probation, Respondent will be prohibited from working in a community based setting (i.e. an assisted living facility, a home

nursing care provider agency or any setting in which Respondent will be providing care without supervision).

10. That should Respondent comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of Nursing Assistant and comply with the requirements of this Order, Respondent may apply to the Department for relief from probation.

11. That should Respondent fail to comply with the terms of this Order, Respondent's Registration as a Nursing Assistant will be subject to suspension or other appropriate disciplinary action.

12. That should Respondent fail to comply with the terms of this Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.

13. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect pending further Order by the Rhode Island Department of Health.

13. That the Department shall grant the reinstatement of the nursing assistant registration, however Respondent is placed back on probation until such time that Respondent complies with the stipulations of the original Consent Agreement (made apart herein).

Entered as an Order of the Department at a meeting of the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board held on 10 April 2007.

Ordered this 29th day of June 2007

Charles Alexandre

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Chief, Health Professions Regulation