

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

BARBARA BARTHOLOMEW (CO6-469)

ORDER

Pursuant to R.I.G.L. (2001 Reenactment) Section 23-17.9-8 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Department of Health (hereinafter "Department"), after review and consultation with the Advisory Board for Nursing Assistants, has investigated a complaint charging Barbara Bartholomew (NA08715) (hereinafter "Respondent") with a violation of Section 23-17.9-8 of the General Laws.

After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That on or about 6 April 2006 Respondent's license to practice as a nursing assistant was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year in that on or about various dates between May-November 2005, while working as a medication technician, Respondent administered an incorrect dosage of a prescribed medication to a resident over the course of several months.
3. That on or about 19 July 2006, while employed as a medication technician at Hebert's Nursing Home, Inc., Smithfield, Rhode Island, Respondent documented vital signs for some residents and did not administer meds that needed to be administered. She was scheduled to work two (2) shifts from 7-11, however, worked only the first shift but signed off for the second shift prior to the time the meds were to be distributed.
4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Section 23-17.9-8 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

Based on the foregoing, the Rhode Island Department of Health hereby enters the following:

1. Nursing Assistant license issued to the Respondent is hereby suspended for a period of not less than five (5) year's commencing upon the 5 February 2007.

2. At the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the Nursing Assistant license, Respondent shall submit documentation to the Board evidencing that Respondent is capable and competent to engage in the practice of Nursing Assistant. In addition, Respondent must meet all education requirements for licensure in effect at the time Respondent applies for licensure.
3. That should Respondent fail to comply with the terms of this Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.
4. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect pending further Order by the Rhode Island Department of Health.

Ordered this 24th day of January 2007

Charles Alexandre
Charles Alexandre, Chief
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