State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

JESSICA HANUSCHAK, NA (CO6-050)

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 Jessica Hanuschak (NA34367) (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 all pertinent times, Respondent was employed as a Nursing Assistant at Health Care Connections Nursing Services, Inc., E. Providence, Rhode Island.

3. That is, on various dates in December 2005 and January 2006, Respondent did take medication from a pediatric client for her own purposes. That on or about 21 June 2006, Respondent pled nolo contendere to one (1) count of larceny <$500 and was sentenced to substance abuse counseling.

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 two (2) years commencing upon the 15 December 2006.

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 7th day of December 2006

Charles Alexandre

Charles Alexandre, Chief
Health Professions Regulation