

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Joseph E. Ehiwe (C10-091)

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 Joseph E. Ehiwe (NA04876) (hereinafter "Respondent") with a violation of Section 23-17.9-8 of the General Laws.

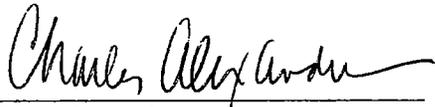
After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That all pertinent times, Respondent was employed by Eleanor Slater Hospital, Cranston, RI.
3. That is, on or about December 25, 2009, Respondent exhibited inappropriate language toward the patient and responded inappropriately by striking the patient's forehead with an open hand. Respondent admitted putting his hand on the patient's forehead.
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. That this Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding.
2. That should Respondent fail to comply with the terms of this Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.
3. That Respondent is issued the sanction of a Reprimand.

Ordered this 14th day of May 2010



Charles Alexandre, RN, MSN
Chief, Health Professions Regulation