

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Department of Health  
Office of Health Professional Regulation

vs.

Complaint No.: C15-649  
Licensee No.: NA31361KARUNA MEHTA

### **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSURE**

Pursuant to 23-17.9 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated there under, the Rhode Island Department of Health (hereinafter the "Department"), and the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board (hereinafter the "Board"), has investigated a complaint charging KARUNA MEHTA, NA31361 (hereinafter the "Respondent") with a violation of 23-17.9.

After review and consideration by the Department and the Board with respect to the allegations of unprofessional conduct of the Respondent, the following are and shall constitute

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island under Nursing Assistant License Number, NA31361.
2. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed by Home Care Services of Rhode Island.
3. That on or about June 23, 2015 Respondent engaged in behavior which constitutes elder abuse.
4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to 23-17.9 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated there under.
5. That the Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
6. That the Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands this Consent Order shall become binding once signed by the Respondent and the Department and/or Board.
7. That the Respondent understands the purpose of this Consent Order is solely to resolve the complaint of unprofessional conduct alleged against the Respondent.
8. That the Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

- a. The right to have an Administrative Hearing on this matter;
- b. The right to represent himself/herself or be represented by an Attorney of Respondent's own choosing at said hearing;
- c. The right to present testimony, evidence and witnesses on Respondent's behalf;
- d. The right to cross-examine witnesses presented by the Department;
- e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
- f. The right to take an appeal from the terms of this Consent Order.

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 hereby voluntarily surrenders her license to practice as a nursing assistant for a period of three (3) years.
2. That this Voluntary Surrender of Licensure shall become part of a public record of this proceeding.

Karuna K. Mehta  
KARUNA MEHTA  
NA31361

Sarah Harrigan  
Sarah Harrigan, Chief of the Center for  
Professional Boards and Commissions

Date: Aug 9, 2016

Date: 8/17/16