

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Leah Marie Bucci

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 Leah Marie Bucci (NA39860) (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 sought employment with Cornerstone Adult Services, Warwick, Rhode Island.
3. That is, on or about May 22, 2009, Respondent failed to disclose criminal history on her 2009 Nursing Assistant application form. In August 2005, Respondent was arrested by the Providence Police Department and charged with a felony for Forgery and Counterfeiting and Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses > \$500.
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 three (3) years commencing June 25, 2010.
2. At the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the Nursing Assistant license, Respondent shall submit documentation evidencing that Respondent is capable and competent to engage in the practice of a Nursing Assistant. In addition, Respondent must meet all educational 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 become part of the public record of this proceeding.

Ordered this 4th day of June 2010



Charles Alexandre, RN, MSN, PhD.
Chief, Health Professions Regulation