

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Maria Baptiste (CO5-350)

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 Maria Baptiste, NA (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:

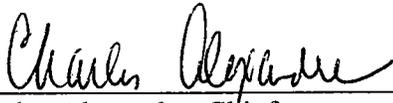
1. Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That all pertinent times, Respondent was employed as a Nursing Assistant at South County Nursing & Subacute Center, South Kingstown, Rhode Island.
3. That is, on or about 13 April 2005, Respondent yelled at a resident and told her that she pushed the call button too frequently. On or about 3 November 2003, Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Department wherein Respondent's nursing assistant license was placed on a one (1) year period of probation with stipulations for unprofessional conduct. That is, Respondent conducted herself unprofessionally by informing one patient about another patient's diagnosis. In that, on or about 24 August 2004, Respondent was found not to be in compliance with said Consent Order in that the required performance evaluations and notification of place(s) of employment has not been supplied.
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 19 October 2005.

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 12 day of October 2005



Charles Alexandre, Chief
Health Professions Regulation