

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS REGULATION**

vs.

Michelle A. Sousa

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 Michelle A. Sousa, NA (herein 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 at all pertinent times Respondent was working at Hattie Ide Chaffee Home, E. Providence, Rhode Island.
3. That Respondent's license as a Nursing Assistant expired on 30 June 2002, yet Respondent continued to work without an active license until she renewed it on 3 March 2003.
4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) above constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 23-17.9-8, and Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

Based upon 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 Respondent is issued the sanction of a Reprimand.

Entered as an Order of the Department of Health at a meeting held on February 10, 2004.

Ordered this 26th day of February 2004

Charles Alexandre

Charles Alexandre, MSN, RN, Acting Chief
Health Professions Regulation