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HEALTH PROFESSIONS REGULATIONS

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Rhonda J. Martinelli (C11-435)

CONSENT 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 Rhonde J. Martinelli NA20928 (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 the 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 Summit Commons Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation, Providence, RI.

3. That is, on or about June 2, 2011, Respondent was found in possession of prescription medications that were prescribed for residents who had either expired or had been discharged from the facility.

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.

The parties agree as follows:

(a) Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed and doing business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Rhode Island, Nursing Assistant license number, NA20928.

(b) Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department;

(c) Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Department. This Consent Order is not binding on Respondent until signed by the Department.

(d) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

(1) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;

(2) The right to produce witnesses and evidence on Respondent's behalf at a hearing;

(3) The right to cross-examine witnesses;

(4) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;

(5) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;

(6) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;

(7) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Department for consideration and review;

(8) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Department to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order;

(9) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order. The signing of this Consent Order is for settlement purposes only.

Based on the foregoing, the Rhode Island Department of Health hereby enter 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.

Rhonda J. Martinelli

RHONDA J MARTINELLI
NA20928

Date: 3-29-11

Ed D'Arezzo
Interim Associate Director of Health
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Date: 4/5/12