

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Roberta Louise Smith (C06-111, C06-114, C07-180)

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 Roberta Louise Smith (NA34233) (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:

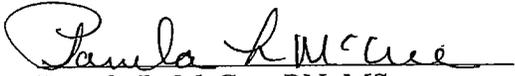
1. Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That all pertinent times, Respondent was employed by Charlesgate Nursing Center, Providence, RI; Hattie Ide Chaffee Home, East Providence, RI; and Cherry Hill Manor, Johnston, RI.
3. That is, on or about May 6, 2005, Respondent was unnecessarily rough and aggressive to a resident while caring for the resident.
4. That is, on or about February 13, 2006, Respondent exhibited inappropriate, explosive and threatening behavior toward staff members.
5. That is, on or about February 1, 2007, the Respondent responded inappropriately to a resident while caring for the resident and lacked dignity and courtesy toward the resident.

6. That the conduct described in paragraphs three (3), four (4) and five (5) 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. That this Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding.
2. That Respondent is issued the sanction of a Reprimand.

Ordered this 11th day of December 2008



Pamela L. McCue, RN, MS
Director, Health Professions Regulation