

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND :
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS :

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH :
OFFICE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS :
AND THE NURSING ASSISTANT:
ADVISORY BOARD:

vs. :

SHERRY IRONS NA20268 :

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Section 23-17.9-8 General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1987, as Amended, and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, The Rhode Island Department of Health (hereinafter "Department") with the review and approval of the Nursing assistant Advisory Board has investigated a complaint charging Sherry Irons NA, Respondent with a violation of Chapter 23-17.9-8 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1987, as Amended.

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 nursing assisting in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That at all pertinent times herein Respondent was employed as a housekeeper at Eleanor Slater Hospital in Pascoag, Rhode Island..
3. That prior to and during June 2001, Respondent displayed inappropriate gestures and language, which were sexual in nature and directed to residents.

Pursuant to Section 23-17.9-8, this conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct in the State of Rhode Island and, as such, is grounds to revoke your license.

The parties agree as follows:

- i) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Department.
5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties.
 6. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order does not constitute an admission of the facts contained herein, by the Respondent.
 7. Failure to comply with the Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
 8. Respondent agrees to a voluntary surrender of her Nursing Assistant license for a period of at least five (5) years.
 9. At the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the Nursing Assistant license, she shall be subject to the regulations in effect at the time of re-application and shall present evidence acceptable to the Board that she is competent and capable of engaging in the practice of nursing assisting.
 10. That the voluntary surrender of Respondent's license to practice nursing assisting shall remain in full force and effect pending further order of the Department.

Signed this _____ day of 1-8-02

Sherry Irons
Sherry Irons

Signed this 14TH day of JANUARY 2002

Nikki Deary
Nikki Deary, Chief, Health Professions Regulation