

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

STEPHEN FUOROLI, NA (CO07-734)

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 Stephen Furoroli (NA22836) (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.
3. That on or about 7 October 2005, Pursuant to an Order of the Department Respondent's nursing assistant license was placed on a one (1) year of probation in that Respondent surrendered his license in February 2000 as the result of a formal hearing. Respondent was physically abusive to two (2) patients. In that, he verbally abused one (1) patient; inappropriately touched another patient, that on diverse dates he made long-distance telephone calls on a patient's telephone with resultant charges to the patient, and that he accepted money from a patient.
4. That pursuant to paragraph 4 and 6 of the Order, Respondent is responsible for attending in-service programs on the topic of patient's rights and submitting evidence of attendance. Respondent is also responsible for having quarterly performance evaluations submitted to the Department by a supervising registered nurse. The performance evaluation(s) from each health facility employer must recommend continued employment and satisfactory performance. That Respondent did not submit required reports or evidence of attending in-service programs.
5. In that on or about 1 December 2006, Respondent shouted at a patient while pointing his finger in the patient's face and swearing at the patient in response to the patient spitting food at the Respondent.

6. That the conduct described in paragraph 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. Nursing Assistant license issued to the Respondent is hereby suspended for a period of not less than two (2) years commencing upon 12 July 2007.
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 2 day of July 2007

Charles Alexandre
Charles Alexandre, Chief
Health Professions Regulation