State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

TERESA FRENCH (CO7-584)

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 TERESA FRENCH (NA04972) (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 is, on or about 27 February 2007, Respondent entered into the Attorney General - Adult Diversion Program as she was charged with Felony – Possession of Schedule I-V Control Substance.

3. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Section 23-17.9-8(3) and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

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

   1. Nursing Assistant license issued to the Respondent is here by suspended for an indefinite period or pending receipt of evidence of successful completion of the Adult Diversion Program.

   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 the Respondent fails 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 24th day of January 2008

Charles Alexandre

Charles Alexandre, Chief
Health Professions Regulation