

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BOARD OF LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

**In the matter of:
Steven Occhiuti, P.A. C13-396
License Number PA 00152
Controlled Substances Registration Number CPA 00152**

CONSENT ORDER

The Board of Physician Assistants (hereinafter the "Board") received a complaint, C13-396, regarding the termination of employment of physician assistant Steven Occhiuti, P.A. (hereinafter the "Respondent"). The Board found after reviewing the complaint, the record, and Respondent's written response that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a licensed physician assistant in the State of Rhode Island and was issued his license on July 19, 1995. He is a 1985 graduate of Duke University School of Medicine. He was employed most recently at Chartercare until termination on May 22, 2013.
2. An internal investigation by staff at Chartercare revealed respondent was signing controlled substance prescriptions for himself with his attending physician's name. Respondent avers this was done with full knowledge of the attending physician, for whom he worked for more than fourteen years.
3. Since termination of employment, Respondent attended and followed the recommendations of the Physicians Health Committee, including an evaluation

with Dr Krupp. Respondent also successfully completed continuing medical education "Scope of Pain" course which addresses addressing appropriate prescribing of controlled substances.

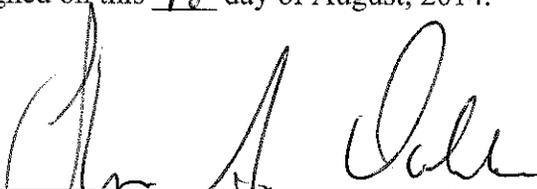
4. Respondent is in civil violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 5-54-2(11).

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree to the following orders:

1. The Board and Respondent agree to enter into this consent order.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board.
3. Respondent has reviewed this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board; and this Consent Order is not binding on Respondent until final ratification of the Board.
4. Respondent accepts a Reprimand on his license.
5. If ratified by the Board, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross examines witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order; and
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review.

5. In the event that any term of this Consent Order is violated, after signed and accepted, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to summarily suspend the Respondent's license and/or impose further disciplinary action. If the Director suspends the license and/or imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days of the suspension and/or further discipline. The Director of the Department of Health shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license, or impose further discipline, if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed on this 18 day of August, 2014.



Steven Occhiuti, P.A..

Signed on behalf of the Board of Licensure of Physician Assistants on this ____ day of August, 2014.



James V. McDonald, M.D., M.P.H.
Chief Administrative Officer
Board of Licensure of Physician Assistants