

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION  
AND NURSING EDUCATION**

**Vs.**

**JOHN PINA, CRNA (CRNA36650)**

**CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to Section 5-34-24 the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2008 Reenactment, a complaint was filed with the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (hereinafter referred to as "Board") charging John Pina, CRNA, Respondent with a violation of Chapter 5-34 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2008 Reenactment.

After consideration by the Investigating Committee of the Board, it was agreed by and between the parties:

1. Respondent is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That at all pertinent times Respondent was employed at Narragansett Bay Anesthesiology in Rhode Island.
3. That on or about various dates from September 2011 to December 2011 the Respondent wrote prescriptions for controlled substances for an individual employed at the Miriam Hospital.
4. The Respondent failed to follow the statute in Rhode Island regarding the writing of prescriptions for controlled substances.

5. The Respondent did not possess a controlled substance registration in Rhode Island, but did have controlled substance licenses in Massachusetts and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

That the conduct described in paragraphs three (3), four (4) and five (5) herein constitute unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 5-34-24 (6) (v) and the Rules and Regulations promulgated there under there under.

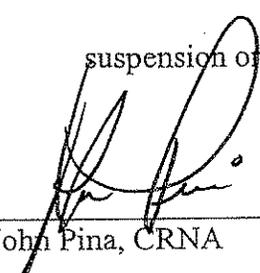
The parties agree as follows:

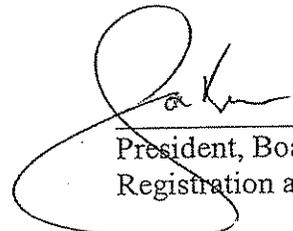
1. Respondent is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, license number CRNA36650, and able to conduct business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Board and subject to final ratification by the Board. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
4. 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 in his behalf at a hearing;
  - c) The right to cross-examine 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;

- g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
- h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;
- i) Any objection to the fact that the Board reviewing this Consent Order may be the same as the Hearing Committee presiding over this matter should it later be brought to an administrative proceeding;

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 Board. The signing of this Consent Order is for settlement purposes only.

- 5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and accepted by the Board.
- 6. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Board of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily agrees to accept the sanction of a Reprimand.
- 8. That should Respondent fail to comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing and/or failing to comply with the terms of this Consent Order, his license as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist shall be subjected to suspension or other appropriate disciplinary action.

  
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John Pina, CRNA

  
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President, Board of Nurse  
Registration and Nursing Education

Attorney for the Respondent,



George E. Wakeman, Jr., Esq.  
Adler | Cohen | Harvey | Wakeman | Guekguezian, LLP

Ratified as an order of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education at a meeting held on this 10 day of September 2012.