

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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

vs.

KATHLEEN FERREIRA, RN (RN35345)

CONSENT ORDER

This matter is before the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (hereinafter "Board") that Respondent has voluntarily surrendered her registered nurse license on July 1, 2008. After consideration by the Investigating Committee of the Board, it was agreed by and between the parties:

1. Respondent is a registered nurse 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 and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Board and is 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;

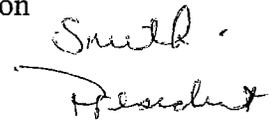
- e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
 - h) Any objection to the fact that 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;
 - j) 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.
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 and Respondent's license shall reflect that the status is probationary.
6. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Board of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
7. Failure to comply with the Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
8. That at the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of her registered nurse license, she shall submit documentation to the Board evidencing that she is capable and competent to engage in the practice of nursing. Such documentation shall include, but a substance abuse

evaluation from a Board approved health care provider, and such other information as the Board deems appropriate at this time.

1. That this Consent Order shall remain in full force and effect pending further Order of the Board.


Kathleen Ferreira


Paula McCreary
President, Board of Nurse Registration
and Nursing Education


Shawn Smith
President

Ratified as an order of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education at a meeting held

on this 2 day of July 2008.