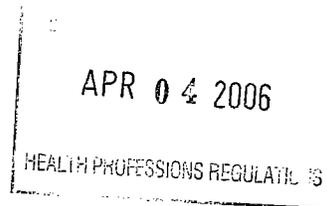


**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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



vs.

MARGARET G. BARRETT

CONSENT ORDER

This matter is before the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (hereinafter "Board") upon application for licensure as a Registered Nurse filed by Margaret G Barrett, (hereinafter "Respondent"). Specifically, the Board is in receipt of information indicating that, on or about 16 November 2005 Respondent was issued a restricted license as a registered nurse in the state of Oklahoma, wherein said license was placed on a period of probation with a requirement the Respondent submit to monthly drug screens and quarterly self assessment reports. Pursuant to Section 5-34-24 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2004 Reenactment, such conduct constitutes grounds to deny application for licensure as a registered nurse.

After consideration by the Licensing Subcommittee of the Board, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is an applicant for licensure as a registered nurse.
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 Committee of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Board. This Consent Order is 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 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 this Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
8. That the Board shall grant the application for licensure filed by Respondent and shall issue Respondent a license as a registered nurse, however, Respondent shall serve at least a three (3) year period of probation subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Order.
9. That Respondent shall work under the supervision of a registered nurse at all times. The supervising registered nurse must be physically present in the facility at all times Respondent is on duty.
10. That said probationary period shall commence upon the date the Respondent obtains employment as a registered nurse and will abate for the duration of any period in which Respondent ceases to be employed as a nurse. Upon obtaining employment as a registered nurse Respondent shall notify the Board as to the name and address of the employer and the date work commenced.
11. That, during the period of probation, Respondent shall submit to the Board evaluations from the employer at the end of three (3) months and quarterly thereafter; that at the expiration of the period of probation, Respondent's employer shall submit to the Board

reports relating to Respondent's conduct and performance; that it shall be the responsibility of Respondent to have the employer submit said reports.

12. That during the period of probation, should Respondent change employment, Respondent shall notify the Board forthwith of said changes including the name and address of the new employer, date employment commences and the reason for the change in employment.
13. Respondent shall continue counseling and/or treatment for drug and/or alcohol abuse with a healthcare professional specializing in substance abuse approved by the Board, and shall continue such counseling and/or treatment programs as the healthcare professional rendering her care deems appropriate including but not limited to, attendance at AA and NA meetings, nursing assistance, and nurse support groups as needed.
14. Respondent waives confidentiality of her treatment and will direct the Assistance Program and/or other health care professional rendering treatment to release any progress reports to the Board including, but not limited to, monthly progress reports, and random urine and drug screening reports for the duration of the Respondent's contract with the Assistance Program.
15. This Consent Order will be transmitted forthwith to the Assistance Program, which is hereby directed by the Respondent to notify the Board of any breach or termination by the Respondent of her treatment.
16. That should Respondent comply with the law and regulations governing the practice of nursing during the period of probation and comply with the requirements of this Consent Order, Respondent may apply to the Board for an unrestricted license to practice nursing.

17. That should Respondent fail to comply with the law and regulations governing the practice of nursing and/or fail to comply with the terms of this Consent Order, the license as a registered nurse shall be subject to suspension or other appropriate disciplinary action.

Margaret G. Barrett
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Charles Alexander Jr.
President, Board of Nurse Registration
and Nursing Education

Ratified as an order of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education at a meeting held on this 17th day of April 2006.