

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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

CASE NO. C12-411

vs.

RONALD OLSEN RN 40037

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Section 5-34-25 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 Ronald Olsen, RN with a violation of Chapter 5-34 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2008 Reenactment.

The following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a Registered Nurse licensed to practice nursing in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That on or about June 2, 2012 Respondent worked as a visiting nurse for VNA of Rhode Island. He was assigned to a female patient on that date and responded to her home. The patient has a history of multiple sclerosis, neuropathy and chronic leg and back pain.
3. The Respondent returned to the patient's home on subsequent dates that were not scheduled with the VNA. The Respondent attempted to befriend and socialize with the patient. He engaged in inappropriate behavior and conversation with the patient about personal matters.

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4. Pursuant to Section 5-34-24 (4), this conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct in the State of Rhode Island and, as such, is grounds to discipline his license.

The parties agree as follows:

- (a) Respondent is a nurse licensed and doing business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Rhode Island, registered nurse, number, RN40037;
- (b) Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board;
- (c) Respondent has read the Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of an Investigating 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.

- (a) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - 1) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - 2) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
 - 3) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
 - 4) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - 5) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - 1) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - 2) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
 - 3) 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;

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- 4) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order. 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. Failure to comply with the Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
8. Respondent agrees to a minimum five (5) year voluntary surrender of his registered nurse license. After a period of five (5) years, the Respondent may seek reinstatement of his license. Such reinstatement shall be at the discretion of the Board.
9. At the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of his registered nurse license, he shall submit documentation to the Board evidencing that he is capable and competent to engage in the practice of nursing. Furthermore, any reinstatement shall be limited to work in which the Respondent has no direct patient care. The Board may set further limitations to his license as is warranted by the facts presented at the time he seeks reinstatement.
10. Respondent agrees to have no contact, direct or indirect, with the complainant in this matter;
11. That should Respondent violate the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.

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12. That the surrender of Respondent's license to practice nursing shall remain in full force and effect pending further order of the Board.

Ronald Olsen RN
Ronald Olsen, RN

Date 9/22/12

Peggy Matson PhD RN
Peggy Matson, President of the Board of Nurse
Registration and Nursing Education

Date 10/1/12