

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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

**Vs**

**SHERRI LYNN FERREIRA, RN (RN44474)**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to Section 5-34-24 of 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 Sherri Lynn Ferreira, RN, Respondent, with violation of Chapter 5-34 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2008 Reenactment.

After consideration by the Investigating Subcommittee of the Board, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent.

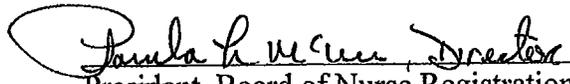
1. Respondent is a registered nurse licensed to practice nursing in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That at all pertinent times Respondent was employed at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island.
3. That between April 1, 2008 and April 7, 2008 the Respondent diverted narcotics from the Omnicell system in the hospital's Emergency Department.
4. This was documented in 13 instances in which there were discrepancies in the withdrawal, documentation, and administration and/or wasting of Hydrocodone, injectable Valium, and Oxycodone tablets.

5. That there is a pending issue before the Massachusetts Board of Nursing regarding allegations of diversion of Diluadid (Hydromorphone) from Morton Hospital by the Respondent.
6. That the conduct described in paragraphs three (3), four (4), and five (5) above constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Sections 5-34-24 (3) in that Respondent's actions fail to conform to the standards established by the nursing profession.

Based upon the foregoing, the Board hereby enters the following Order:

1. That the registered nurse license issued to the Respondent is hereby suspended effective December 4, 2008.
2. 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.
3. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect pending further Order of the Board.

Date: 11/24/08

  
President, Board of Nurse Registration  
and Nursing Education