

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH :
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION : C.A. RN 03-123
AND NURSING EDUCATION :**

vs. :

**TIMOTHY AURELIO :
RN 33744 :**

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Timothy Aurelio (hereinafter "Respondent") is a registered nurse pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 5-34-11 and holds license number RN 33744.

Respondent is on a Consent Order for substance abuse treatment and three (3) years probation with the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (hereinafter Board) and the Board has received information that he is in violation of such Consent Order ("Consent Order"). Specifically:

1. In 2000 Respondent was suspended from practice for two (2) years for non compliance with a Non Disciplinary Alternative Program for Nurses, due to substance abuse issues.
2. Respondent's license was reinstated and he was placed on probation on or about February 9, 2004.
3. On or around December 14, 2009, Respondent voluntarily surrendered his nursing license after having a positive toxicology screen on or about October 29, 2009.
4. On or about March 20, 2012, Respondent requested that his license be reinstated citing full compliance with his Suboxone treatment and recovery program with Dr. Skviola.

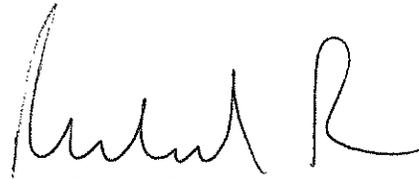
5. On or about October 1, 2012, the Respondent entered into the above referenced Consent Order with the Board. Respondent's license was reinstated under a three (3) year probationary period enabling him to work under the terms and conditions of the Consent Order..
 6. Pursuant to the Consent Order, Respondent agreed, among other things, to:
 - a. Comply with all provisions of the contract;
 - b. To abstain from alcohol, drugs and/or chemicals of abuse;
 - c. Participate in Body Fluid Toxicology Screening Program approved by the Board;
 - d. Request any health care provider not to prescribe any mood altering drugs and or controlled substances for him unless there was no other reasonable alternative;
 - e. Notify the Board if such drugs were needed as part of his medical care;
 - f. If he was not compliant with the Contract, he was subject to disciplinary action against his license including suspension or other appropriate action
 7. The Consent Order went into effect on October, 1 2012.
 8. Upon information and belief, Respondent is not currently working but was recently employed as a Registered Nurse at Riverview Healthcare..
 9. On April 4, 2014, Twila McInnis, Director of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education, received a letter via facsimile from Sylvester Sviokla, M.D., A.B.A.M., Respondent's Substance Abuse Treatment Provider. The letter stated that the Respondent tested positive for a third positive toxicology screen for Tramadol, an opiate. The specimen was collected on March 25, 2014 and tested by Dominion Diagnostics.
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10. Respondent allegedly informed Dr. Sviokla that he did not have a prescription for Tramadol.
11. As a result of the above, Dr. Sviokla now recommends that he not be allowed to participate in direct patient care.
12. Tramadol is a controlled substance.
13. Respondent violated the terms of the Consent Order by taking Tramadol without a prescription and/or notification from a health care provider that such medication was necessary for his medical care and that there was no reasonable alternative.
14. In the Consent Order Respondent agreed to undergo substance abuse treatment and agreed to undergo toxicology screens. A toxicology screen indicates that he has now relapsed.
15. In the Consent Order Respondent agreed to cease all patient care related nursing practice and notify the Director of the Board upon substance abuse relapse.

Based upon the foregoing, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of the license of Respondent in Nursing constitutes an imminent threat to the health, welfare and safety of the public. Accordingly, the nursing license of Respondent is hereby **suspended effective immediately** pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 5-34-26. Said **Suspension** shall continue indefinitely pending further Order of the Department of Health. **A hearing on this matter is scheduled for April 11, 2014 at 3 p.m. at the Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 404, Providence, Rhode Island 02908 before an Administrative Law Hearing**

Officer. For question, please contact Jane Morgan, Esq., at (401)222-1685.

Signed this 8th day of April , 2014.



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CERTIFICATION

I certify that the within SUMMARY SUSPENSION was sent by regular and certified mail to:

36 Morley Street,
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on this _____ day of _____ 2014.