

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

vs.

JAMES LABELLA, RPH (RPH04000)

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 5-19.1-21 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter "Department") has investigated a complaint charging James LaBella, RPh (hereinafter "Respondent"), with violations of Chapter 5-19.1 of the Rules and Regulations. After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a registered pharmacist licensed to operate in the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent's license as a registered pharmacist was reinstated on 6/22/11 and as required under R5-19.1-PHAR-7.4 Respondent would be responsible for obtaining fifteen (15) hours of continuing education, including five (5) hours in a "live" program, for the period of 7/1/10 through 6/30/11.
3. A routine audit conducted by the Department on August 4, 2011 demonstrated that the Respondent failed to obtain the necessary amount of continuing education credits as required by R5-19.1-PHAR-7.4 for the 7/1/10 through 6/30/11 renewal period.

Pursuant to Section 5-19.1-21, this conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct in the State of Rhode Island.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a registered pharmacist and is 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 Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to the final ratification by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Department.
4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
 - 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 Department;
 - 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 Department for consideration and review;
 - h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Department 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 Department reviewing this Consent Order may be the same as the hearing committee presiding over this matter should it later be brought to an administrative hearing.
 - 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 Department.
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 Department.

6. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
7. Respondent agrees to a **Formal Reprimand** of his registered pharmacist license.
8. Respondent shall obtain an additional fifteen (15) hours of continuing education credit in addition to the fifteen (15) credit hours of continuing education required under R5-19.1-PHAR-7.4 for the 7/1/11 through 6/30/12 renewal period.
Respondent shall submit to the Department, on or before 6/30/12, satisfactory evidence demonstrating completion of a total of thirty (30) credit hours (minimum 10 "live" hours) for the 7/1/11 through 6/30/12 renewal period.
9. That should Respondent violate the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.

12/29/2011
Date

James B. LaBella, RPh
James LaBella, RPh
License # RPH04000

Approved on this 19 day of January 2012

Jonathan M. Mundy, RPh
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Chairperson
Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy