

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions

vs.

Complaint No.: 171939
Licensee No.: CDP00644

Takeia Duarte

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws § 5-69-1 *et seq.* and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) and the Board for Licensing of Chemical Dependency Professionals (the Board), have investigated a complaint charging Takeia Duarte, CDP00644 (Respondent) with a violation of R. I. Gen. Laws § 5-69-10(12).

After review and consideration by RIDOH and the Board with respect to the allegation of unprofessional conduct of the Respondent, the following are and shall constitute

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a chemical dependency professional licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island under Chemical Dependency Professional License Number, CDP00644.
2. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed by Center for Treatment and Recovery, Pawtucket Rhode Island.
3. On or about some date or dates in December 2017, Respondent inappropriately engaged in communication with a patient by cell phone texting.
4. The conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws § 5-69-10(12) and the Rules and Regulations promulgated there under.
5. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of RIDOH and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of RIDOH.

6. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands this Consent Order shall become binding once signed by the Respondent and RIDOH and/or Board.

7. Respondent understands that the sole purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the complaint of unprofessional conduct alleged against the Respondent.

8. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

The right to an administrative hearing on this matter;

The right to represent himself/herself or be represented by an attorney of Respondent's own choosing at said hearing;

The right to present testimony, evidence, and witnesses on Respondent's behalf;

The right to cross-examine witnesses presented by RIDOH; and

The right to take an appeal from the terms of this Consent Order.

9. Failure to comply with this Consent Order, once signed and accepted, may subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.

10. Respondent's chemical dependency professional license will be subject to a (6) month period of probation and respondent's license shall be publicly noted as having the status "Active Probation."

11. Respondent will notify RIDOH of her current employer and, if applicable, the name and address of any new employer(s) and the reason for said change.

12. The probationary period will cease for the duration of any period during which Respondent is not employed as a chemical dependency professional.

13. Respondent shall submit evidence of certificates of completion from board-approved classroom for the most recent renewal cycle to RIDOH.

14. Should Respondent comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of chemical dependency professional during the period of probation and with the requirements of this Consent Order, Respondent may apply to RIDOH for an unrestricted license to practice as a chemical dependency professional.

ACCORDINGLY AND BASED ON THE FOREGOING

The Rhode Island Department of Health and the Respondent hereby agree to the following disposition of this complaint:

1. Respondent is hereby issued the sanction of Active Probation for (6) months.

2. Respondent must complete 6 hours of classroom training in ethics and 3 hours of classroom training specific to provider – patient boundaries. This classroom training must be pre-approved by the Board.
3. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding.



Takeia Duarte
CDP00644



Ellen Ballasco
Chief, Center for Professional Boards and
Commissions

Date:

3.2.18

Date:

3/14/18

March 2, 2018

To: Alana Rodriguez,

I would like to thank the entire board for the decision which was made regarding my license and ability to continue in the field of substance abuse.

I agree to the terms and have signed up for my first Ethics training on Thursday, March 15, 2018. I would like to notify the board of my current employment as a receptionist in a non-clinical setting.

I do plan on actively looking for employment as a substance abuse counselor in order for the probation to being; I did not feel comfortable pursuing prior employment as a counselor until I received notification.

I will send all copies of completed trainings to Alana Rodriguez upon completion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Takeia Duarte', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Takeia Duarte

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