

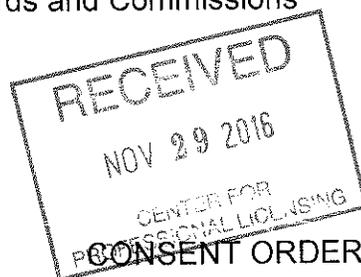
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Department of Health

Center for Professional Boards and Commissions

vs.

Tiffany Noel Richard



Complaint No.: C16-850  
Licensee No.: MHC00459

Pursuant to RIGL Chapter 5-63.2 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Department of Health (hereinafter the "Department"), and the Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists (hereinafter the "Board"), has investigated a complaint charging Tiffany Noel Richard, MHC00459 (hereinafter the "Respondent") with a violation of RIGL Chapter 5-63.2.

After review and consideration by the Department and the Board with respect to the allegations of unprofessional conduct of the Respondent, the following are and shall constitute.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a mental health counselor licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island under Mental Health Counselor License Number, MHC00459.
2. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed by Saint Vincent's Home, Fall River, Massachusetts.
3. Effective June 10, 2016 The Respondent voluntarily surrendered her Massachusetts mental health counselor license and signed a surrender agreement with the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professionals. According to the signed Surrender Agreement the Respondent admitted that she was terminated by her employer, Saint Vincent's Home for whom she worked as a mental health counselor in Massachusetts because of, among other things, her failure to meet with clients and for her inaccurate billing of clients.
4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to RIGL Chapter 5-63.2 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

5. That the Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
6. That the Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands this Consent Order shall become binding once signed by the Respondent and the Department and/or Board.
7. That the Respondent understands the purpose of this Consent Order is solely to resolve the complaint of unprofessional conduct alleged against the Respondent.
8. That the Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a) The right to have an Administrative Hearing on this matter;
  - b) The right to represent himself/herself or be represented by an Attorney of Respondent's own choosing at said hearing;
  - c) The right to present testimony, evidence and witnesses on Respondent's behalf;
  - d) The right to cross-examine witnesses presented by the Department;
  - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
  - f) The right to take an appeal from the terms of this Consent Order.

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. That Respondent is hereby issued the sanction of a Suspension and non-renewal of Respondent's Rhode Island Mental Health Counselor license until Respondent satisfactorily resolves her Massachusetts license issue referenced above.
2. That this Order shall become part of a public record of this proceeding.

Tiffany N. Richard  
 Tiffany Noel Richard  
 MHC00459

Sarah Harrigan  
 Sarah Harrigan, Chief, Center for  
 Professional Boards and Commissions

Date: 11-22-2016

Date: 12/1/16