

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Department of Health
Nursing Assistant Advisory Board



IN THE MATTER OF:
DENISE HARTSOCK
License Number NA34932
Case No. C18-0094

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17.9-1 *et seq.* and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Department of Health (hereinafter "RIDOH"), and the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board (hereinafter "Board") have investigated a complaint charging DENISE HARTSOCK, NA34932 (hereinafter "Respondent"), with conduct subject to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17.9-8. After review and consideration by RIDOH and the Board with respect to the Respondent's conduct, the following are and shall constitute

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in Rhode Island under Nursing Assistant License NA34932.
2. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed by Lifetime Medical.
3. On or about January 2, 2018, it came to the attention of Respondent's employer that Respondent had been providing prescribed medications to a client in her care and had taken verbal medication orders from a physician, without the proper license to do so. Respondent also committed a medication error.
4. That the conduct described in paragraph three of this Consent Order constitutes conduct subject to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §23-17.9-8 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.
5. That the Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of RIDOH.
6. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that this Consent Order shall become binding once signed by the Respondent and RIDOH.

7. That Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

- a. The right to an administrative hearing on this matter;
- b. The right to represent himself or be represented by an attorney of Respondent's own choosing at said hearing;
- c. The right to produce testimony, witnesses, and evidence on Respondent's behalf; at a hearing; and
- d. Any and all rights of appeal.

ACCORDINGLY, AND BASED ON THE FOREGOING

RIDOH and the Respondent hereby agree to the following disposition of this complaint:


1. Respondent is hereby issued the sanction of a Reprimand on her Nursing Assistant license, NA34932.
2. If Respondent is currently employed, she must notify the Board, in writing, of the identity of her current employer. Respondent is required to participate in in-service trainings on Nursing Assistant duties through her identified employer within thirty (30) days of the ratification of this Consent Order and must provide the Board with proof of such completion.
3. If Respondent is not currently employed, she must notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days of the date that she secures employment, and must also provide the identity of her employer. Respondent is required to participate in in-service trainings on Nursing Assistant duties through her identified employer within thirty (30) days of her original employment date, and must provide the Board with proof of such completion.
4. This Consent Order shall become a public record.

Signed this 6 day of MAY, 2018.


DENISE HARTSOCK

Ratified by the RI Department of Health, Chief of Professional Boards and Licensing, on the

7th day of May 2018.


ELLEN R. BALASCO, ESQUIRE
Chief of Professional Boards and Licensing