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



IN THE MATTER OF: FRANCISCO RODRIGUES License Number NA 38318

## SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF NURSING ASSISTANT LICENSE

Francisco Rodrigues, NA 38318 (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a nursing assistant in Rhode Island pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17.9-1 et seq.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- On or about May 4, 2018, Respondent was employed as a nursing assistant at Rhode
   Island Hospital, when a patient reported that Respondent had come into her room and
   touched his penis and readjusted his private parts while staring at her and smiling.
- On or about May 4, 2018, Respondent was employed as a nursing assistant at Rhode
  Island Hospital, when a patient reported that Respondent enter his room and begin
  masturbating.
- 3. On or about May 4, 2018, Respondent was employed as a nursing assistant at Rhode Island Hospital, when a patient reported that Respondent lifted his shirt revealing an erection while his pants remained on and began rubbing his inner thigh stating, "I need yoga for my cramp; we should do yoga together."

4. On or about May 5, 2018, Respondent was employed as a nursing assistant at Rhode Island Hospital, when a patient reported that Respondent came into his room and masturbated. The patient then saw Respondent pull up his pants and leave the room.

## **ORDER**

After considering the above findings, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of this behavior by Respondent constitutes an immediate danger to the public. It is accordingly ordered that:

- 1. Pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 23-17.9-8, Respondent's nursing assistant license is suspended until further Order of the Department of Health.
- 2. Respondent is entitled to an administrative hearing on this suspension within ten (10) days of this Order by contacting the Department of Health and requesting such a hearing in writing. Questions may be directed to Linda Esposito at 401-222-4998.

Signed this The day of M

Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, M.P.H.

Director of Health

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## **CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of this **Summary Suspension Order** was sent by email on May 9, 2018 to:

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I hereby certify that a copy of this **Summary Suspension Order** was sent by regular mail and certified mail to the Respondent on May 10, 2018 at:

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I hereby certify that a copy of this **Summary Suspension Order** was sent by email on May 9, 2018 to:

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