

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

~~DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH~~
**HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION
AND NURSING EDUCATION**

vs.

Case Nos. C12-214, C12-353, C12-431, C13, 307

JEANNE KNIGHT, NPP, (NPP37258)

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Section 5-34-24 and 5-34.2-4 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2004, as Amended, and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (hereinafter "Board"), has investigated a complaint charging Jeanne Knight, NPP (NPP37358), Respondent with a violation of Chapter 5-34 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2008 Reenactment.

After consideration by the Investigating Committee of the Board, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a nurse practitioner with prescriptive privileges licensed to practice nursing in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That at all pertinent times the Respondent was self-employed in a practice setting.
3. That Respondent has had several complaints with the Board of Nursing regarding the provision of prescribing of narcotic medications combined with deficient monitoring of patients and documentation.
4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein, after investigation has been determined to constitute unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 5-34-24 (6) (v) and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

The parties agree as follows:

5. This Consent Order is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.

(a) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

- 1) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - 2) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in her behalf at a hearing;
 - 3) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
 - 4) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - 5) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - 6) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - 7) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
 - 8) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;
 - 9) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order. The signing of this Consent Order is for settlement purposes only.
6. Respondent is a nurse practitioner with prescriptive privileges and able to conduct business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Rhode Island, license number, NPP37358.
7. That Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Board and is subject to final ratification by the Board. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
8. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and accepted by the Board and Respondent's license shall reflect that

the status is probationary.

9. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Board of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts herein.
10. Failure to comply with the Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
11. Respondent agrees to an eighteen (18) month period of probation to commence upon ratification of this Order by the Board and will abate for the duration of any period in which Respondent ceases to be employed as a nurse practitioner with prescriptive privileges.
12. That, during the period of probation, Respondent's employer(s) shall submit to the Board reports every three (3) months relating to Respondent's conduct and performance. That it shall be the responsibility of Respondent to request that her employer(s) submit said reports.
13. That during the period of probation Respondent shall notify the Board forthwith of any changes in her employment, including the name and address of the new employer(s) and the reason for said change.
14. That during the period of probation the Respondent's practice is restricted to a hospital setting with supervision.
15. Prior to prescribing controlled substances the Respondent shall, present evidence of enrollment and satisfactory completion of the following continuing education course(s) Documentation Makes a Difference at <http://www.aps-web.com/eLearning/Course-Offerings1/Documentation-Makes-the-Difference.aspx> at Advanced Practice Strategies (APS) and an approved nursing course about treating patients with addictive behavior. Said course in treating patients with addictive behavior must be approved by the Board prior to Respondent registering and enrolling in same.

16. That should Respondent comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing and comply with the terms of this Order during the eighteen (18) month period of probation she may apply to the Board for an unrestricted license.

17. That should Respondent fail to comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing and/or fail to comply with the terms of this Order, her license as a nurse practitioner with prescriptive privileges shall be subject to suspension or other appropriate disciplinary action.

Jeanne Knight, RNP
Jeanne Knight, NPP

6/24/2013
Date

Peggy Matton
President, Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education

Ratified as a Consent Order of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education at a meeting held on this 8 day of July 2013.

Date mailed: