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State of Rhode Island

Department of Health Center for Professional Licensing, Boards and Commissions

VS.

Complaint No.: 170548 Licensee No.: OT01010

Allan Morin

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-40.1, the Rhode Island Department of Health (hereinafter "RIDOH") and the Board of Occupational Therapy (hereinafter the "Board") have investigated a complaint charging Allan Morin, OT01010 (hereinafter "Respondent") with a violation of R. I. Gen. Laws § 5-40.1-14(c).

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. That Respondent is an occupational therapist licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island under Occupational Therapy License No. OT01010.
- 2. That at all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed by HealthPRO, a company providing consulting, management and healthcare services to physical, occupational and speech therapy patients in nursing homes, and worked at South Kingstown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, West Kingston, Rhode Island (hereinafter "South Kingstown NRC").
- 3. That on or about March 23, 2017, Respondent sent inappropriate and derogatory messages to a South Kingstown NRC patient via Facebook.
- 4. That Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of RIDOH and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of RIDOH.
- 5. That Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands this Consent Order shall become binding once signed by Respondent and RIDOH and/or the Board.

- 6. That Respondent understands the purpose of this Consent Order is solely to resolve Complaint No.: 170548.
- 7. That 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 RIDOH and/or the Board:
 - 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; and
 - g) Any objection that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank as well as posted on RIDOH's public web site.

ACCORDINGLY AND BASED ON THE FOREGOING

RIDOH, the Board and Respondent hereby agree to the following:

- 1. The conduct described in paragraph three (3) above constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws § 5-40.1-14(c), specifically violations of the American Occupational Therapy Association's *Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics* (2015) Nonmaleficence Principle and Autonomy Principle.
- 2. Respondent is hereby issued the sanction of a Reprimand.
- 3. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding.
- 4. In the event that Respondent fails to adhere to the terms of this Consent Order, disciplinary charges will be instituted against Respondent in the Board's discretion.

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Allan Morin OT01010	Ellen Balasco Chief, Center for Professional Licensing, Boards and Commissions
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