

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH :  
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION :  
AND NURSING EDUCATION :

vs. :

Case #: C13-1012

KIMBERLY ANN BROWN :  
LICENSE NO. RN45096 :

91 7108 2133 3938 6854 8252

**SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Kimberly Ann Brown (hereinafter "Respondent") is a registered nurse pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 5-34-11 and holds license number RN45096. Ms. Brown was an employee of Miriam Hospital, Providence, R.I.

Respondent is alleged to be in violation of the Rules And Regulations For the Licensing of Nurses and Standard for the Approval of Basic Nursing Education Programs § 12.1(d) in that Respondent has willfully or repeatedly violated the ethical principles governing the practice of nursing as adopted by the Board. Specifically, documents released by subpoena to the Department by Miriam Hospital indicate that the Respondent :

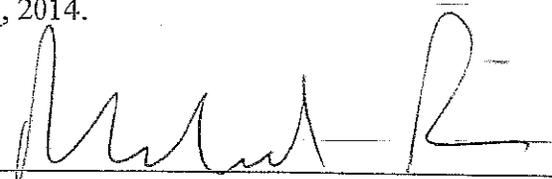
1. Removed two tablets of Oxycodone IR 5 mg from the Omnicell on October 5, 2013 at 6:13 p.m. with no record of administration to patient, waste or return.
2. Removed two tablets of Hydrocodone APAP 5/325 from the Omnicell on October 11, 2013 at 2:28 p.m. with no record of administration to patient, waste or return.
3. Removed one tablet of Oxycodone from the Omnicell on October 26, 2013 at 6:52 p.m. with no record of administration to patient, waste or return.

4. Removed two tablets of Lorazepam 1 mg from the Omnicell on October 27, 2013 at 12:51 p.m. with no record of administration to patient, waste or return. A patient's chart indicated that 2 mg IV Ativan was administered to a patient at 1:03 p.m.
5. Removed two tablets of Hydrocodone APAP 5/325 from the Omnicell on October 29, 2013 at 8:13 a.m. with no record of administration to patient, waste or return.
6. Removed one tablet of Oxycodone IR 5 mg from the Omnicell on October 29, 2013 at 4:34 p.m. with no record of administration to patient, waste or return.—It was charted as administered at 2:29 p.m. (order for Q4H).
7. Removed one tablet of Oxycodone IR 5 mg from the Omnicell on November 4, 2013 at 6:49 p.m. Charted as 2.5 mg administered to patient with no record of waste.
8. Removed one tablet of Hydromorphone 2 mg from the Omnicell on November 7, 2013 at 4:38 p.m. with no record of administration to patient, waste or return. Next user expected to find 22 tablets and found 21 tablets.
9. Removed four tablets of Oxycodone APAP 5/325 from the Omnicell on November 9, 2013 at 10:24 a.m. The bin was opened without completing an issue or return and the transaction was nullified. The next user accessed the drawer at 10:33 a.m. expecting to find 34 tablets and found 30 tablets.
10. Removed two tablets of Hydrocodone APAP 5/325 from the Omnicell on November 11, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. The bin was opened without completing an issue or return and the transaction was nullified. Wasted two tablets as "dropped" at 4:23 p.m. with a witness stating only one package was wasted. At 5:55 p.m., a pharmacy restock revealed 8 tablets when 10 tablets were expected.

Based upon the foregoing, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of the license of Kimberly Ann Brown in Nursing constitutes an imminent threat to the health, welfare and safety of the public. Accordingly, the nursing license of Kimberly Ann Brown is hereby **suspended** forthwith pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 5-34-26. Said **Suspension** shall continue indefinitely pending further Order of the Department of Health.

A hearing on this matter will be scheduled within ten (10) days.

Signed this 17 of January, 2014.

  
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CERTIFICATION

I certify that the within SUMMARY SUSPENSION was sent by regular and certified mail to:

Kimberly Ann Brown  
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on this 17 day of JANUARY 2014.

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