# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

# BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION

RE: KRISTEN RAMEIKA APRN02340 C22-0066

## CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 5-34-25 of the Rhode Island General Laws and the regulations promulgated thereunder, a complaint (the "Complaint") was filed with the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (the "Board"), charging Kristen Rameika (the "Respondent"), an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN license #02340), with a violation of Chapter 5-34 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

After review and consideration with respect to the allegations of unprofessional conduct of Respondent, the Board has made the following

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Respondent is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island under License Number APRN02340.
- 2. That on or about January 18, 2022, RIDOH received a complaint alleging that the Respondent had prescribed a controlled substance to a housemate living at the same address as the Respondent on numerous occasions in 2021 and 2022.
- 3. Respondent recognizes and admits that they prescribed Adderall to a housemate in July 2021 and September 2021. The Respondent further recognizes and admits that the due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the housemate's medical history, and obstacles for the housemate to establish a primary care provider, the Respondent provided the housemate with prescriptions as a temporary solution.
- 4. The findings of fact described in paragraphs two (2) and three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 5-34-24(6) which includes (v) willful disregard of standards of nursing practice and failure to maintain standards established by the nursing profession as they failed to follow the scope and standards of practice for prescribing and failed to provide evidence of a medical record.

#### AGREEMENT:

The Board and Respondent (together, the "Parties") hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
- 2. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands the contents herein are binding on Respondent as a final action by the Board.
- 3. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel before the Board;
  - b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in her behalf at a hearing;
  - c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
  - d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
  - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
  - f) Any and all right of appeal of this Consent Order.
  - g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
  - h) 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;
  - i) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Board.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Respondent's acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an admission by Respondent that the Board's factual findings and legal conclusions, as contained herein, are accurate and correct.
- 6. Respondent voluntarily agrees to accept the sanction of a Reprimand against their license as an advanced practice registered nurse.
- 7. 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 the Consent Order, their license as an advanced practice registered nurse may be subject to other appropriate disciplinary action.

#### DISPOSITION OF THE COMPLAINT:

Accordingly, and based on the foregoing, the Parties hereby agree to the following disposition of the Complaint:

- 1. That Respondent is hereby issued the sanction of a Reprimand.
- 2. That this Consent Order shall become part of a public record of this proceeding.

LICENSEE NO.: APRN02340

Date Signed: 8/22/22

President, Board of Nursing Registration and

Nursing Education

Date Signed: 9-12-22