

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

BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION

**RE: MIRANDA WADDELL
APRN01755
C18-1569**

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-25 and the regulations promulgated thereunder, a complaint (“Complaint”) was filed with the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (“Board”), charging Miranda Waddell, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse (APRN license #01755) (“Respondent”), with a violation of Chapter 5-34 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

After review and consideration by an Investigating Committee of the Board 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 licensed to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Rhode Island under license APRN01755.
2. On or about December 18, 2018, the department received a complaint from New England Premier Health alleging that the Respondent prescribed two controlled substances for a social worker who was not her patient.
3. There was no evidence of a practitioner/patient relationship or documentation by the Respondent of medical history, or history of present illness, or vital signs, or physical examination or plan of care.

4. The Respondent provided the first prescription for the social worker's migraines and the second prescription was falsely prescribed, with the intent to give the narcotic back to the Respondent.

5. The findings of fact described in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 above, constitutes unprofessional Conduct as defined in R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-24(6)(v), which includes failure to maintain standards established by the nursing profession, and the rules and regulations for the Licensing of Nurses and Standards for the Approval of Basic Nursing Education Programs (216-RICR-40-05-3).

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 this it is a proposal of an Investigating Committee of the Board and is subject to final ratification by the Board. This Consent Order and the contents herein are not binding on Respondent until final ratification 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 the Board reviewing this Consent Order may be the same as the hearing committee presiding over this matter should it later be brought to an administrative hearing;
 - j. 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 her license as an advanced practice registered nurse.
 7. 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, her 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. Respondent is hereby issued the sanction of a **Reprimand**.
2. This Consent Order shall become part of a public record of this proceeding.


MIRANDA WADELL, APRN01755

Date: 3/29/20


Margaret L. Clifton MS, RN-BC, CNE
President, Board of Nurse Registration
and Nursing Education
Director

Date: 3-20-2020

Ratified as an order of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education at a meeting held
on this 20th day of March, 2020.