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

BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NUR

RE: VANN PARTLOW LPN09580 C19-1020 REGISTRATION
& NURSING EDUCATION

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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 Vann Partlow, a licensed practical nurse (LPN license #09580) ("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 a licensed practical nurse in the State of Rhode Island under license LPN09580.
- 2. On or about August 8, 2019, while employed as a nurse at Overlook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Pascoag, Rhode Island ("Overlook Nursing and Rehab"), it is alleged that respondent cut off a piece of skin from a tear on a resident's right upper arm.
- 3. Respondent admitted to cutting off a piece of skin (approximately 2.5 cm) from a patient's skin tear.
- 4. The findings of fact described in paragraphs 2 and 3 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.

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 a licensed practical 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 a licensed practical 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.

Vann Partlow, LPN09580

Date:

President Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education

Date: $\frac{1/3/20}{}$

Ratified as	an order of the	Board of Nur.	se Registration and Nursing Education at a meeting held
on this	day of	, 2020.	