

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF CUSTOMER SERVICES
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND LICENSING
BOARD OF NURSING REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION**

**IN THE MATTER OF: VIRGINIA COELHO
LICENSEE NO.: LPN09911
COMPLAINT ID #: C22-0853(A&B)**

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to § 5-34-25 of the Rhode Island General Laws and §§ 40-05-3.14 and 10-05-4 of volume 216 of the Rhode Island Code of Regulations, a complaint (the "Complaint") was filed with the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (the "Board"), charging Virginia Coelho (the "Respondent"), a licensed practical nurse (license LPN09911), with a violation of Chapter 5-34 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That Respondent is a practical nurse licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island under License Number LPN09911.
2. That on or about July 3, 2022, the Respondent was employed as a practical nurse at The Holiday Retirement Home in Manville, Rhode Island.
3. That on or about July 7, 2022, RIDOH received a complaint alleging that the Respondent failed to properly assess a patient during their shift on July 3, 2022 at The Holiday Retirement Home.
4. That on or about December 12, 2022, an Investigative Committee (IC) of the Board reviewed the allegations and relevant evidence including the Respondent's response to the allegations and other medical records. The IC determined that the Respondent failed to ensure quality of care and patient safety as there was no adequate assessment of the patient in a timely manner; the Respondent medicated the patient without an assessment and documentation of their findings. Additionally, the IC found that the Respondent worked outside their scope of practice when they placed an order for and administered medication without consulting the primary physician.
5. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) and the findings of fact in paragraph four (4) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 5-34-24(6) (v).

AGREEMENT:

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

1. That Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. That Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that 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 on their 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 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.
 - 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 a practical 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 a 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. 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.

Virginia H. Coelho
VIRGINIA COELHO
LICENSEE NO.: LPN09911

Diane C. Martins
DIANE MARTINS
President, Board of Nursing

Date Signed:

1-3-23

Date Signed:

1-9-2023

Ratified as an order of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education at a meeting held on this 9th day of Jan, ~~2022~~ 2023.