STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



IN THE MATTER OF: APRIL METTS

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17.9-1 *et seq*. and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) and APRIL METTS (Respondent) enter into this Consent Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about December 20, 2018, Respondent applied to RIDOH to be licensed as a nursing assistant.
- 2. On or about January 15, 2019, RIDOH denied the application.
- 3. On or about February 19, 2019, Respondent requested an administrative hearing to appeal the denial.
- 4. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of RIDOH.
- 5. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that this Consent Order shall become binding once signed by the Respondent and RIDOH.
- 6. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to an administrative hearing on this matter;
 - b. The right to represent herself or be represented by an attorney of Respondent's own choosing at said hearing;
 - c. The right to produce testimony, witnesses, and evidence on Respondent's behalf at said hearing; and
 - d. Any and all rights of appeal.

ACCORDINGLY, AND BASED UPON THE FOREGOING

RIDOH and the Respondent hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Upon signature and ratification of this Consent Order, RIDOH will issue a 120-day temporary nursing assistant license to Respondent.
- 2. For the first 365 days that Respondent holds a 120-day temporary nursing assistant license or a nursing assistant license, and not including any days on which Respondent does not hold a 120-day temporary nursing assistant license or a nursing assistant license, if any, Respondent will be required to work under direct supervision of a licensed nurse in a facility and may not work under indirect supervision in a private home.
- 3. For the first 365 days that Respondent holds a 120-day temporary nursing assistant license or a nursing assistant license, and not including any days on which Respondent does not hold a 120-day temporary nursing assistant license or a nursing assistant license, if any, Respondent will be on probation and shall ensure that her employer submits quarterly Job Performance Progress Reports to RIDOH.
- 4. Failure to comply with the requirement of paragraphs 2 and 3 above may result in additional disciplinary action.

This Consent Order shall become a public record.

Signed this 19 day of March, 2019.

Ratified by the RI Department of Health, Chief of Professional Boards and Licensing, on the 2019.

ELLEN R. BALASCO, Esq.

Chief of Professional Boards and Licensing