
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Department of Health
Nursing Assistant Advisory Board



IN THE MATTER OF:
ELIZABETH GONCALVES
License Number NA27679
Case No. C18-0677A

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 (hereinafter "RIDOH"), and the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board (hereinafter "Board") have investigated a complaint charging ELIZABETH GONCALVES, NA27679 (hereinafter "Respondent"), with conduct subject to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17.9-8. After review and consideration by RIDOH and the Board with respect to the Respondent's conduct, the following are and shall constitute

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in Rhode Island under Nursing Assistant License NA27679.
 2. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed by Summit Commons.
 3. On or about May 31, 2018, Respondent witnessed unprofessional conduct perpetrated upon a resident by another Nursing Assistant and failed to report such behavior as required.
 4. That the conduct described in paragraph three of this Consent Order constitutes conduct subject to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §23-17.9-8 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.
 5. That the Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of RIDOH.
 6. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that this Consent Order shall become binding once signed by the Respondent and RIDOH.
 7. That Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
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- a. The right to an administrative hearing on this matter;
- b. The right to represent himself 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 a hearing; and
- d. Any and all rights of appeal.

ACCORDINGLY, AND BASED ON THE FOREGOING

RIDOH and the Respondent hereby agree to the following disposition of this complaint:


1. Respondent is hereby issued the sanction of a Reprimand on her Nursing Assistant license, NA27679.
2. Respondent must complete six (6) continuing education credits in patient rights, abuse and neglect, reporting abuse, safe patient handling, giving a bed bath, and care of bed bound patients with contractions, within ninety (90) days of the ratification of this Consent Order and provide the Board with proof of such completion.
3. This Consent Order shall become a public record.

Signed this 17th day of October, 2018.



ELIZABETH GONCALVES

Ratified by the RI Department of Health, Chief of Professional Boards and Licensing, on the 22nd day of October 2018.



ELLEN R. BALASCO, ESQUIRE
Chief of Professional Boards and Licensing