

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



IN THE MATTER OF:
STEPHANIE ANN GAROFALO
License Number NA52946
Case No. 18-1373

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 STEPHANIE ANN GAROFALO License Number NA52946, (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 NA52946.
2. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed by Helping Hearts, LLC.
3. On or about October 30, 2018 Respondent failed to cancel or show up for her scheduled shift at the home of a Helping Hearts client.
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:
 - 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 public reprimand on her Nursing Assistant license, NA52946.
2. This Consent Order shall become a public record.

Signed this 12 day of March, 2019


STEPHANIE ANN GAROFALO

Ratified by the RI Department of Health, Chief of Professional Boards and Licensing, on the 19th day of March, 2019


ELLEN BALASCO, Esq.
Chief of Professional Boards and Licensing