

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

**BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION**

RE: BARBARA RICHARDS  
RN38623  
C21-0940B

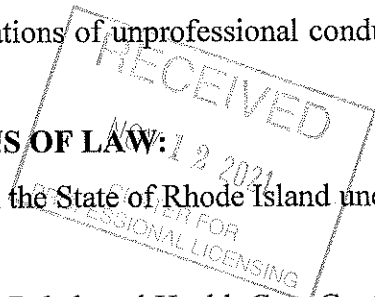
**CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 5-34-25 of the Rhode Island General Laws and the regulations promulgated thereunder, a complaint (the "Complaint") was filed with the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (the "Board"), charging Barbara Richards (the "Respondent"), a licensed registered nurse (RN license #38623), with a violation of Chapter 5-34 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

After review and consideration 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 registered nurse in the State of Rhode Island under license RN38623.
2. Respondent was employed as a nurse at Waterville Villa Rehab and Health Care Center, 1275 S Broadway, East Providence, Rhode Island, on or about July 6, 2021.
3. Respondent was assigned to a patient #5215 on or about July 6, 2021 on shift from 11:00PM – 7:00AM
4. Respondent administered wrong medication to patient at approximately 6:00am; and patient was noted unresponsive at 8:20am by the morning nurse. Patient was administered two doses of Narcan and became responsive. Patient was transported to the hospital and admitted for drug overdose due to administration of wrong medication.
5. Respondent admits that she failed to perform the 5 rights of nursing: the right patient, the right drug, the right dose, the right route, and the right time prior to administering the wrong medication.
6. The findings of fact described in paragraphs one (1) through four (4) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Rhode Island Gen. Laws § 5-34-24(6) which includes (v) 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 the contents herein are binding on Respondent as a final action 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 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 registered 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, her license as a registered 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.

Barbara Richards  
Barbara Richards,  
RN38623

Anna C. Martins  
President, Board of Nurse Registration  
and Nursing Education

Date: Nov. 8, 2021

Date: 11-13-21

Ratified as an order of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education at a meeting held on this 13th day of November, 2021.