

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION

RE: KEVIN PAUL GWOZDZ
RN40176
C20-0907, C20-0794, C20-1484

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Kevin Gwozdz (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a registered nurse pursuant to R.I. General Laws§ 5-34-11 and holds license number RN40176.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. At the time of the incidents, Respondent's last known registered nurse employment was at the Charlesgate Nursing Center, 100 Randall St, Providence, RI 02904, Rhode Island.
2. Respondent is alleged to be in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws§ 5-34-24 and the Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Nurses 216-RICR-40-05-3 and the Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice.
3. On or about June 10, 2020, the RI Department of Health received a complaint indicating that Respondent, suffered a relapse from his sobriety and is exhibiting signs of self-destructive behavior.
4. On or about June 26, 2020, another complaint was received about the Respondent's unacceptable workplace behavior, texting inappropriate comments to staff members and management. Respondent was verbally harassing staff members and management through voicemail, swearing while apparently slurring his words.
5. On or about October 13, 2020, a third complaint was received by the Rhode Island of Health, about the Respondent's unacceptable behavior on July 1, 2020 at Roger Williams

Medical Center emergency room. He was violent, tried to choke a nurse and had to be restrained. The next day he returned to the emergency room for alcohol intoxication and had to be medicated and restrained due to violent behavior.

6. On or about October 20, 2020, the Respondent placed several calls to the Rhode Island Department of Health Licensing Department and to the Director of Nursing. Respondent was swearing, threatening the licensing staff, slurring his words while rambling about his nursing license.

These actions constitute grounds for discipline pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-24.

Based upon the foregoing, the Director has determined that the continuation of the license of Respondent as a registered nurse constitutes an immediate danger to the public. Accordingly, pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-26 Grounds for Discipline without a Hearing, Respondent's license is hereby suspended effective October ~~22~~, 2020 and shall remain suspended pending further investigation and further Order of the Department of Health.

NOTICE OF HEARING:

You are hereby given an opportunity for a hearing pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-26.

This hearing will be held on November 2, 2020 in room 205 at 11:00am at the Cannon Building, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, 02908. This hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 42-35 of the General Laws and the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Practices and Procedures before the Department of Health." You have the right to appear personally, to be represented by counsel or an authorized representative, and to respond and present evidence and argument, and to present witnesses and cross-examine other witnesses. If you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, absent good cause, the

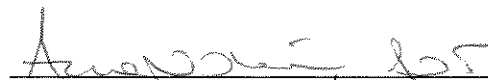
Board will proceed with the hearing and enter an order based upon the evidence presented.

You have the right to require that the hearing before the Board be held in open session (open to the public). Unless you notify the Board that you want this hearing to be held open to the public, it will be held in closed session (closed to the public).

Pre-Hearing Conference: Pursuant to the “Rules and Regulations Governing the Practices and Procedures Before the Department of Health” a **Pre-Hearing Conference will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 in Room 205, Cannon Building, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island.** Please check in at the legal reception desk in Room 404 upon your arrival. **You may also appear via an audio-visual conference via Zoom** (detailed instructions are included in an attached sheet). If you fail to appear, the Pre-Hearing Conference will be canceled.

If you have any questions, please contact Legal Counsel, Lisa Bortolotti, at (401)-222-2137.

Entered this 20th day of October 2020



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