

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

BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION

**RE: MEGAN MCCARTHY
RN59374
C19-0984A**

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-25 and the regulations promulgated thereunder, a complaint (“Complaint”) was filed with the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (“Board”), charging Megan McCarthy, a licensed registered nurse (RN license #59374) (“Respondent”), with a violation of Chapter 5-34 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

After review and consideration by an Investigating Committee of the Board 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 RN59374.
2. On or about September 18, 2019 thru September 19, 2019 (during the night shift), while employed as a nurse at Kent County Memorial Hospital, 455 Toll Gate Road, Warwick, Rhode Island, it is alleged that respondent failed to call the Rapid Response Team on a patient with an oxygen saturation between 80 and 84 percent.
3. The findings of fact described in paragraph 2 above constitute unprofessional conduct as defined in R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-24(6)(v), which includes 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 this it is a proposal of an Investigating Committee of the Board and is subject to final ratification by the Board. This Consent Order and the contents herein are not binding on Respondent until final ratification 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 the Board reviewing this Consent Order may be the same as the hearing committee presiding over this matter should it later be brought to an administrative hearing;
 - j. 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 acknowledgement of the Board's factual findings and legal conclusions.
6. Respondent voluntarily agrees to accept the sanction of a **Reprimand** against her license as a licensed registered nurse.
7. 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 licensed 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. Respondent is hereby issued the sanction of a **Reprimand**.
2. This Consent Order shall become part of a public record of this proceeding.

Megan McCarthy
MEGAN MCCARTHY, RN59374

Date: 09/04/2020

Betty Sadaniantz DNP RN
President, Board of Nurse Registration
and Nursing Education

Date: 9/14/20

Ratified as an order of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education at a meeting held on this 14th day of Sept, 2020.