

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
THREE CAPITOL HILL
PROVIDENCE, RI 02908**

In the Matter of:

Paulette Bell, RN 50152,

Respondent.

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A.H. File No. C12-293

ORDER SUSPENDING LICENSE INDEFINITELY

The above-entitled matter came before the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education ("Board") pursuant to an Administrative Hearing Notice¹ issued on November 1, 2012 by the Board to Paulette Bell ("Respondent"). The Respondent holds a license ("License") as a registered nurse in the State of Rhode Island pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-1 *et seq.* A hearing was scheduled for December 10, 2012 at which time the Respondent did not appear at hearing. Pursuant to Section 5.6 of the *Rules and Regulations of the Department of Health Regarding Practices and Procedures Before the Department of Health and Access to Public Records of the Department of Health* ("Hearing Regulation"), service may be made by hand-delivery or first class mail and service is complete upon mailing, even if unclaimed or returned, when sent to the last known address of the party. In this matter, notice was sent to the Respondent's last

¹ See Department of Health's ("Department") Exhibits One (1) (Administrative Notice of Hearing) and Two (2) (letter of November 15, 2012 scheduling the December 10, 2012 hearing).

known address by first class and certified mail.² Since the Respondent was adequately noticed of hearing, a hearing was held. Additionally, Section 12.9 of the Hearing Regulation provides that a judgment may be entered based on pleadings and/or evidence submitted at hearing by a non-defaulting party. The Board was represented by counsel.

The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-1 *et seq.*, *Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Nurses and Standards for the Approval of Basic Nursing Education Programs*, and the Hearing Regulation.

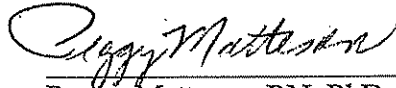
Lori Keough, Director of Nursing for the Board, testified on behalf of the Board. She testified that the Respondent has an active License in Rhode Island. She testified that her staff looked up other states discipline for Respondent on her registered nurse licenses on the National Council of State Board of Nurses system which indicated that the Respondent had been disciplined in other states. See Department's Exhibit Three (3). She testified that the State of Washington reported to the Department that it suspended the Respondent's Washington's registered nurse license since the Respondent had not responded to charges in Washington. See Department's Exhibit Four (4). She testified that the State of Nevada had suspended the Respondent's Nevada registered nurse license on August 15, 2011. See Department's Exhibit Five (5). She testified that the Respondent never responded to the Board regarding the other states' discipline. She recommended that the Respondent's License be suspended indefinitely because of the suspension of her registered nurse license in other states.

² The Notice scheduled a pre-hearing conference for November 15, 2012 at which time the Respondent did not appear. The Notice was sent by first class and regular mail. The letter scheduling the hearing was sent by first class mail. See Department's Exhibits One (1) and Two (2).

After hearing, the Board unanimously made the following order:

The Respondent's License shall be suspended indefinitely.

By Order of the Board,


Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD, Chair

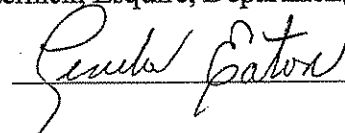
Entered this 20th day of December, 2012.

NOTICE OF APPELLATE RIGHTS

PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS § 5-34-28, APPEALS OF DECISIONS ARE GOVERNED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT, R.I. GEN. LAWS § 42-35-1 *et seq.* THIS DECISION CONSTITUTES A FINAL ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS § 42-35-12. PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS § 42-35-15, THIS DECISION MAY BE APPEALED TO THE SUPERIOR COURT SITTING IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS DECISION. SUCH APPEAL, IF TAKEN, MUST BE COMPLETED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW IN SUPERIOR COURT. THE FILING OF THE COMPLAINT DOES NOT ITSELF STAY ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDER. THE AGENCY MAY GRANT, OR THE REVIEWING COURT MAY ORDER, A STAY UPON THE APPROPRIATE TERMS.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify on this 8th day of January 2013, ~~December, 2012~~ that a copy of the within Order and Notice of Appellate Rights was sent by first class mail, postage prepaid and registered mail, return receipt requested to Ms. Paulette Bell, 1204 West Breslin Street, Urbana, IL 61801 and by hand-delivery to Jennifer Sternick, Esquire, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908.



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