

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH :  
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION :  
BOARD OF PHARMACY :

vs. :

Laura Arnold, RPh :  
RPH04086 :

**CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws (1999 Reenactment) Section 5-19.1-21 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter "Department") has investigated a complaint charging Laura Arnold, R.Ph., (hereinafter "Respondent") with a violation of Chapter 5-19.1 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated there under.

After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent.

1. Respondent is a pharmacist licensed to practice pharmacy in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That on or about July 10, 2008, the Respondent pled nolo contendere to a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol.
3. That the conduct described in paragraph two (2) constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 5-19.1-21 and Section 24.1(11) of the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a pharmacist registered to practice pharmacy in the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under jurisdiction of the Department.

3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to the final approval by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final approval by the Department.
4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
  - 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 Department;
  - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
  - f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
  - g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Department for consideration and review;
  - h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Department 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 Department.
5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties.
6. Respondent admits the allegations contained above.
7. Respondent shall serve a two (2) year probation subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this order.
8. That said probationary period shall commence upon the date of the execution of this Consent Order by all the parties and will abate for the duration of any period in which Respondent ceases to be employed as a pharmacist. Upon employment as a pharmacist, Respondent shall

notify the Department as to the name and address of her employer and the date she commenced employment.

9. That Respondent shall seek treatment and/or counseling for substance abuse with a healthcare provider approved by the Board and shall continue such treatment and/or counseling as the healthcare professional rendering care deems appropriate. Respondent shall attend AA meetings in accordance with recommendations of health care provider. Further, it shall be the responsibility of Respondent to have his treating healthcare professional and/or counselor submit monthly progress reports to the Board. Said reports shall include treatment and/or counseling reports.
8. Respondent waives confidentiality of his treatment and will direct the healthcare professional rendering treatment to release any progress reports to the Department including but not limited to monthly progress reports.
9. This Consent Order will be transmitted forthwith to the healthcare professional which is hereby directed by the Respondent to notify the Department of any breach or termination by the Respondent of her treatment.
10. That should Respondent comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy, she may reapply to the Department for an unrestricted license to practice pharmacy following a minimum period of two (2) years.
11. That should Respondent fail to comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy and/or fail to comply with the terms of this Order, his license as a pharmacist shall be subject to further appropriate disciplinary actions.
12. That this Consent Order shall remain in full force and effect pending further Order of the Board.

  
Laura Arnold RPh

  
Chairperson

Board of Pharmacy

Ratified as an Order of the Board of Pharmacy this 28 day of May 2008<sup>9</sup>

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the within Consent Order was mailed by certified mail to Laura Arnold, 63 Columbia Heights Road, Charlestown, RI on this 22 day of April 2009.

