

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

vs.

LAURA K. ARNOLD, RPH (RPH04086)

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Sections 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 K. Arnold, RPh (hereinafter "Respondent"), with violations of Chapter 5-19.1 of the Rules and Regulations. 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 registered pharmacist licensed to operate in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That on May 28, 2009, Respondent entered into a consent agreement with the Department which stipulated that Respondent shall seek treatment and/or counseling for substance abuse with a healthcare provider approved by the Board and shall have the healthcare professional and/or counselor submit monthly progress reports to the Board.
3. Respondent failed to submit monthly progress reports to the Board, as required by the May 28, 2009 consent order, for the following periods: July 2009-November

2009 (inclusive), April 2010-June 2010 (inclusive), and November 2010-October 2011 (inclusive).

4. In addition, Respondent renewed her license as a registered pharmacist on 6/15/10 and 5/26/11 and answered "YES" to the following question: "I have completed all applicable CE (Continuing Education) requirements for this renewal period as stated in the Rules and Regulations for my profession".
5. Respondent failed to obtain six (6) hours of required continuing education credit as required by R5-19.1-PHAR-7.4 for the 7/1/09 through 6/30/10 renewal period.
6. Respondent failed to obtain fifteen (15) hours of required continuing education credit as required by R5-19.1-PHAR-7.4 for the 7/1/10 through 6/30/11 renewal period.

Pursuant to Section 5-19.1-21, this conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct in the State of Rhode Island.

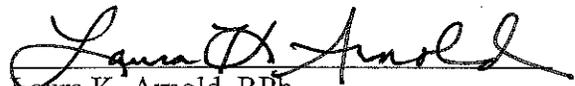
The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a registered pharmacist and is able to conduct business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the 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 ratification by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Department.

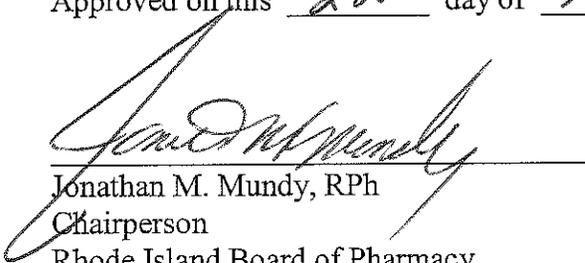
4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
 - b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in its behalf at a hearing;
 - c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
 - d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
 - 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 the Department 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 Department.
5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and accepted by the Department.

6. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
7. Respondent agrees to a three (3) year suspension of her registered pharmacist license. The suspension is to commence upon ratification of this Order by the Board and will remain in full effect pending any further order or action of the Department.
8. Respondent shall, in writing, request relief from suspension in order to return to active status upon completion of the three (3) year period of suspension. Once Respondent's request is approved by the Department, Respondent may return to active status provided that she submits a new application to the Department and fulfills any prerequisites, continuing education requirements and fees stipulated in the application and that she abides by all laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy in this State.
9. That should Respondent violate the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.

Date February 20, 2012


Laura K. Arnold, RPh
License # RPH04086

Approved on this 22 day of MARCH 2012


Jonathan M. Mundy, RPh
Chairperson
Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy