

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF DRUG CONTROL  
BOARD OF PHARMACY

VS.

STEVEN B. CHARTIER, R.Ph.

CONSENT ORDER

This matter is before the Department of Health, Division of Drug Control, Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter "Board"), upon allegations that Steven B. Chartier (hereinafter "Respondent") did divert controlled substances, Dilaudid, for his own purposes on diverse dates from July 1995 to January 1996 while working as a registered pharmacist at Pawtuxet Valley Infusion Care, Coventry, RI. Based upon these allegations, the Board of Pharmacy, at its meeting on 17 April 1996, recommended that the pharmacy registration of Steven B. Chartier be suspended for a period of time up through, and including, December 31, 1997. Prior to initiating administrative action to impose the suspension of Respondent's pharmacy registration, it was agreed by and between the parties as follows:

1. That Respondent shall enter into and continue to adhere to the conditions of a contract with the Peer Assistance Program of the Rhode Island Employee Assistance Program, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Peer Assistance Program").
2. That Respondent shall continue counseling and/or treatment for drug and/or alcohol abuse and continue such counseling and/or treatment programs as his counselor

deems appropriate.

3. Respondent waives confidentiality of his treatment and counseling and will direct the Peer Assistance Program and/or other health care professional rendering him treatment and/or counseling to release any reports to the Board of Pharmacy on request including, but not limited to, monthly counseling reports, monthly urine and drug screening reports.

4. This Order will be transmitted forthwith to the Peer Assistance Program, which is hereby directed by Respondent to notify this Board of any breach or termination by the Respondent of his treatment. Further, said Peer Assistance Program and/or other health care professional rendering treatment and/or counseling to Respondent shall keep this Board apprised of the progress of the Respondent on a monthly basis.

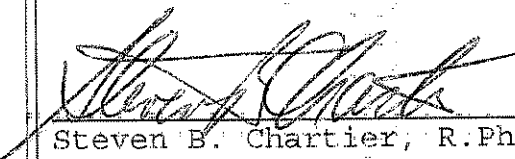
5. Respondent agrees to a voluntary suspension of his registration to practice pharmacy in the State of Rhode Island for a period of time up through, and including, December 31, 1997 commencing on 2 January 1996 and agrees that he will not engage in the practice of pharmacy in any state.

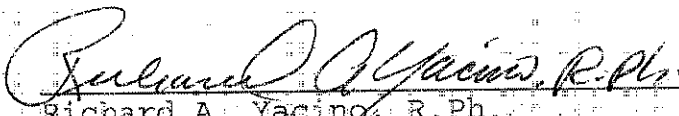
6. That upon the expiration of the period of suspension, Respondent may petition the Board for review of the status of his registration to practice pharmacy.

7. That at the expiration of the period of suspension of the

pharmacy registration of Respondent, should the Board agree to reinstatement of the license of Respondent, then Respondent shall serve a period of probation subject to such terms and conditions as the Board shall deem appropriate.

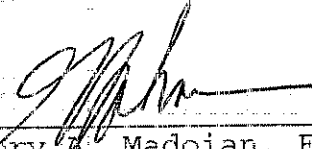
8. That this Consent Order constitutes a final disposition of the matters forming the basis for this Order and obviates the necessity for an Administrative Hearing.

  
Steven B. Chartier, R.Ph.

  
Richard A. Yacino, R.Ph.  
Chief, Board of Pharmacy

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