## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION Case No.

VS.

## RICHARD R. JALBERT RN20363

## INTERIM CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Section 5-34-24 and 5-34.2-4 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, As Amended, and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (hereinafter "Board"), has investigated a complaint charging Richard R. Jalbert (hereinafter "Respondent"), with a violation of Chapter 5-34 and 5-34.2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, As Amended.

The following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

- Respondent is a Registered Nurse licensed to practice nursing in the State of Rhode Island.
- 2. Respondent has no prescriptive authority.
- 3. Respondent repeatedly drafted, signed and filled prescriptions for hydrocodone, over a five year period, using prescription pads without permission.
- 4. Respondent forged Dr. J. Winslow Alford, MD's name on the hydrocodone prescriptions he filled;
- 5. Respondent admitted to Michael Dacey, MD, Chief Medical officer at Kent County Hospital on March 14, 2012 that he had taken prescription pads and used Dr. Alford's name to write himself prescriptions.

Pursuant to Section 5-34-24, this constitutes unprofessional conduct in the State of Rhode Island and, as such, is grounds to discipline your license.

The parties 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 Interim Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of an Investigating Committee of the Board. This Interim Consent Order is binding on Respondent immediately upon his signature, and after signature by the Director of the Department of Health or his designee, without further ratification of the Board.
  - a) As a result of this conduct, the Respondent agrees that his license to practice nursing shall be suspended indefinitely, pending further Order of the Board.
- 3. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
  - b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his 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 rights of appeal of this Interim Consent Order.
  - g) Any objection to the fact that this Interim Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
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- Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become i) acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Interim Consent Order;
- j) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Interim Consent Order. The signing of this Interim Consent Order is for settlement purposes only.
- This Interim Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this 4. proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and accepted by the Board.
- Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations set forth herein. 5.

Leonard B. Green, Acting Deputy Director, for

Michael Fine, MD, MPH

Director of Health

R.I. Department of Health

Accepted as an order of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education at a meeting

President, Board of Nurse Registration

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have hand-deliver	ed the within INTERIM CONSENT ORDER to F	tichard R.
Jalbert, at	on this	day
of, 2012.		