

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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

In the Matter of:

DONALD STEERE, RPH

LICENSE NUMBER RPH02416

COMPLAINT NUMBERS C13-011(B), C14-010, C15-367(C)

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 5-19.1-21 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Department of Health (Department), Board of Pharmacy (Board) has investigated a complaint charging Donald Steere, RPh (hereinafter "Respondent") with violations of RIGL chapter 5-19.1 of the R.I. Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Pharmacists, Pharmacies and Manufacturers, Wholesalers and Distributors. After consideration by the Board and the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is licensed as a registered pharmacist in the State of Rhode Island and holds license number RPH02416.
2. Respondent was the pharmacist-in-charge of CVS Pharmacy store 2048 in Chepachet, Rhode Island.
3. Respondent agrees that he did not maintain effective controls against diversion of controlled substances.
4. The foregoing facts constitute a civil violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 5-19.1-21(2) and § 21-28-3.04(a) (1), and R5-19.1-13.1.5(b).

Based on the foregoing, 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 his 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; and
 - 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 ratified by the Board.
6. Respondent hereby agrees to this Reprimand of his registered pharmacist license.
7. Respondent shall obtain an additional three (3) continuing education credits on the subject of preventing diversion of controlled substances, in addition to the fifteen (15) credit hours of continuing education already required under R5-19.1-PHAR-7.4.
8. If Respondent violates the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.

9/25/15
Date

Donald Steere
Donald Steere, RPh
License Number RPH02416

10/30/15
Date

Katherine Kelly Orr
Kelly Orr, Pharm.D, RPh.
Chairperson
Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy

Ratified by the Board of Pharmacy on this 29th day of October, 2015.