

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES**

In re: Stephen Carden – EMS-I

Petition No. 2000-0914-07~~3~~³-004

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Stephen Carden of West Haven (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 073-000718 to practice as an EMS-I by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 368d of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, respondent admits that:

1. Respondent's EMS-I license expired, effective April 1998.
2. Respondent was the Program Coordinator/EMS-I for the Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) program conducted by the Joint Hospital Planning Council of Greater Bridgeport (J.H.P.C.) from November 2, 1999 to November 21, 2000.
3. Respondent further failed to comply with Department of Public Health regulations when he listed his EMS-I Certification Number on the training form, failed to put his EMS-I Certification Number Expiration Date on the training form, and received approval for the training program after his EMS-I license had expired.
4. Respondent further failed to comply with the Department of Public Health regulations governing such training programs by not filing the course application thirty days prior to the start of the course.

5. A student enrolled in the course has stated that the instructors were not teaching the required material, the classes were poorly organized, and classes started late and ended early.
6. The documentation for the J.H.P.C. program coordinated by respondent was insufficient to substantiate what course material had been taught, on what date and in what sequence. In addition, it was not possible to determine the identities of the instructors or their qualifications for each of the lectures, the time spent in actual class instruction, or whether the course had included a laboratory clinical skill application component.
7. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut §19a-180.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest this matter and agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before a hearing officer designated by the Commissioner (hereinafter "the Department"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10 and 19a-180 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-180 and 19a-17 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's certification to practice as an EMS-Instructor in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
3. Respondent shall cease and desist from performing EMS-I duties until he is re-certified.
4. Following said re-certification, respondent's certificate shall be placed on probation for a period of one year under the following terms and conditions:

- a. During the probationary period, respondent shall obtain at his own expense, the services of an independent EMS-I, pre-approved by the Department (hereinafter "supervisor"), to conduct a monthly review of course curriculum.
 - b. The supervisor shall submit reports directly to the Department quarterly for the duration of the probationary period and also review training records for accuracy during the duration of the probationary period.
5. All correspondence and reports are to be addressed to:
- Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant
Department of Public Health
Division of Health Systems Regulation
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR
P.O. Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308
6. All reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department of Public Health.
 7. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to his certification.
 8. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
 9. Any alleged violation of any provision of this Consent Order may result in the following procedures at the discretion of the Department:
 - a. The Department shall notify respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.
 - b. Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) which violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
 - c. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph 9a above to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the

Department that he has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that he has cured the violation in question.

- d. If respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation by the limited fifteen (15) day date certain contained in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the Department, he shall be entitled to a hearing before the Department which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.
 - e. Evidence presented to the Department by either the Department or respondent in any such hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent Order.
10. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as an EMS-I, upon request by the Department, for a period not to exceed 45 days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45 day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's certificate. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that his failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall constitute an admission that his conduct constitutes a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c).
 11. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of his certificate before the Department.
 12. In the event respondent is not employed as an EMS-I for periods of thirty (30) consecutive days or longer, or is employed as an EMS-I less than twenty (20) hours per week, or is

employed outside of the State of Connecticut, respondent shall notify the Department in writing. Such periods of time shall not be counted in reducing the probationary period covered by this Consent Order.

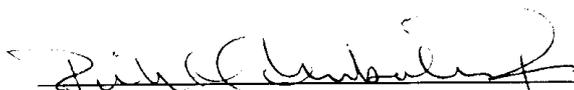
13. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Licensure and Registration Section of the Division of Health Systems Regulation of the Department.
14. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Department.
15. Respondent understands this Consent Order may be considered as a public document and evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Department in which his compliance with this Consent Order or with §19a-180(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
16. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department from taking action at a later time. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
17. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
18. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
19. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Bureau of Regulatory Services to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the

I, Stephen Carden, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.



Stephen Carden

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of October 2001.



Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation
- My Commission Expires 6-30-05

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 18th day of October 2001, it is hereby accepted.



Debra J. Turcotte, Director
Division of Health Systems Regulation