



Maine State Board of Nursing

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April 13, 1990

Helen-Beth Black, R.N.
3 Abbott Street
Portland, ME 04103

Dear Ms. Black:

This will confirm that at its meeting on April 12, 1990, the Board of Nursing voted unanimously to terminate the probationary status of your registered nurse license, on the basis that you have fully met the conditions set forth in your amended Consent Agreement of September 14, 1988. *Type*

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Sincerely yours,

MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Jean C. Caron, R.N., M.S.
Executive Director

JCC:vlc

cc: James D. Bivins, Assistant Attorney General



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In re:) AMENDED CONSENT AGREEMENT
Helen-Beth Black, R.N.) REGARDING PROBATIONARY
of South Portland, Maine) STATUS OF LICENSURE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Helen-Beth Black's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Maine, entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A)(C) (1988). The parties to this Consent Agreement are: Helen-Beth Black, R.N., the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board"), and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

By letter dated December 28, 1987, Helen-Beth Black was advised by the Board that it had received a complaint from Alice Cirillo, R.N., Director, Medical Nursing at Maine Medical Center, charging drug dependency and diversion. Ms. Black responded by letter dated December 23, 1987 in which she admitted to drug misappropriation and abuse and enclosed her license for voluntary surrender. Subsequently, the Board requested that Ms. Black attend an informal conference pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A). At the informal conference held on September 14, 1988, Ms. Black was present without counsel.

FINDINGS OF FACT

As a result of the informal conference, the Board made the following findings of fact:

1. On December 23, 1987, Ms. Black voluntarily surrendered her R.N. license to the Board because of drug dependency and diversion of drugs from her employer.
2. Following an informal conference held on February 4, 1988, the Board voted to accept a voluntary surrender for a two-year period ending on January 1, 1990 and entered into a Consent Agreement stipulating terms and conditions for reinstatement.
3. By letter dated March 20, 1989, Ms. Black requested reinstatement of her R.N. license.
4. On May 23, 1989, Ms. Black met with the Board to discuss her request for reinstatement.

5. Ms. Black has complied with the terms and conditions of her February 19, 1988 Consent Agreement with the Board.
6. Ms. Black has maintained sobriety continuously for approximately 22 months as of the date of the informal conference.
7. Ms. Black is continuing with her aftercare counseling program.
8. Based on the above findings of fact, the Board voted to reinstate Ms. Black's R.N. license subject to a probationary term of one year beginning when her employment as a nurse commences.
9. On September 14, 1989, Ms. Black met with the Board to discuss her request for modification of the probationary term.

COVENANTS

Based on the above findings of fact, the Board voted to reinstate Ms. Black's license under the following conditions:

1. Ms. Black shall continue to maintain sobriety at all times.
2. Ms. Black shall continue her substance abuse counseling and support group meetings as recommended by her registered substance abuse counselor.
3. Ms. Black shall arrange for quarterly reports regarding her progress to be submitted to the Board by her substance abuse counselor.
4. If within one year from May 23, 1989, Ms. Black obtains employment as a nurse, she shall notify the Board of such employment.
5. Ms. Black shall arrange for her nurse employer(s) to send quarterly reports to the Board regarding her performance.
6. Ms. Black shall appear before the Board at the regularly scheduled meeting on March 1, 1990 and request termination of her probation.
7. Ms. Black waives any claims of confidentiality or privilege with respect to reports to be submitted to the Board in accordance with the Amended Consent Agreement.

DATED: 6 Oct 89

BY: Helen-Beth Black, R.N.
HELEN-BETH BLACK, R.N.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF
NURSING:

DATED: 10/11/89

BY: Jean C. Caron
JEAN C. CARON, R.N.
Executive Director

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 10-12-89

BY: James D. Bivins
JAMES D. BIVINS
Assistant Attorney General
Counsel to the Board