



MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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In re: Karen M. Schooley, R.N. of Oxford, ME License #R024591) CONSENT AGREEMENT REGARDING PROBATIONARY LICENSE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Karen M. Schooley'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)(B) and 10 M.R.S.A. Section 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are: Karen M. Schooley, R.N., the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

By letter dated June 28, 1991, Ms. Schooley was advised by the Board that it had received a report dated June 21, 1991 from Margaret Hourigan, Clinical Senior Vice President for Stephens Memorial Hospital, alleging that Ms. Schooley may be in violation of 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(2)(B), (2)(E) and (2)(F). Ms. Schooley responded to the Board in a letter dated July 9, 1991. Subsequently, the Board requested that Ms. Schooley attend an informal conference pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A). The informal conference was held on December 17, 1991. Ms. Schooley was present and was not represented by an attorney.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1. Ms. Schooley admits to diverting from Stephens Memorial Hospital, but not actually using herself, two vials of Valium.
2. Ms. Schooley entered a treatment program and has continued with her prescribed aftercare program.
3. Ms. Schooley states that she has been chemical-free for approximately six months.
4. Ms. Schooley's employer says that her work was of good quality and that she would generally be willing to re-hire Ms. Schooley as a nurse.

5. Ms. Schooley is currently on probation in Massachusetts for a prior drug-related allegation.
6. Ms. Schooley's license to practice nursing in Massachusetts is unencumbered.
7. The results of all random urinalyses performed to date on Ms. Schooley have been negative.

COVENANTS

Based on the above findings of fact, the Board voted to enter in an agreement with Ms. Schooley under which her license is placed on probation for a period of one year from December 17, 1991, with the following conditions:

1. Ms. Schooley will arrange to have quarterly reports submitted to the Board from her nurse employer. Ms. Schooley waives any claims of confidentiality and privilege which she may have with respect to these reports.
2. Ms. Schooley will continue in all prescribed facets of her aftercare program and will arrange to have quarterly reports submitted to the Board from her counselor, including notification in these reports of any change in Ms. Schooley's level of commitment to her recovery. Ms. Schooley waives any claims of confidentiality and privilege which she may have with respect to these reports.
3. Ms. Schooley will notify the Board of any change in her employment.
4. Ms. Schooley will remain substance-free.
5. Ms. Schooley will continue to meet all of the requirements of the probation imposed on her by the Massachusetts criminal justice system.
6. The Board agrees to take no further action at this time upon these facts so long as Ms. Schooley fully complies with these conditions. The Board reserves the right to reconsider this matter and take further action, should it receive additional reports containing significant additional information regarding this matter.

Ms. Schooley understands that this document is a Consent Agreement which affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. Schooley understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering this Consent Agreement. Ms. Schooley affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

DATED: Jan 6, 1992

BY: Karen M. Schooley RN
KAREN M. SCHOOLEY, R.N.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF
NURSING:

DATED: 1/16/92

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

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 1/22/92

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