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IN RE: REBECCA E. WOOD, RN)
 of Windsor, ME)
 License #RN39870) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**
FOR VOLUNTARY
SURRENDER OF LICENSE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement (“Agreement”) regarding Rebecca E. Wood’s license as a registered professional nurse in the State of Maine. The parties to this Agreement are Rebecca E. Wood (“Licensee” or “Ms. Wood”), Maine State Board of Nursing (“Board”) and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A (1-A) (C), 10 M.R.S. §§ 8003 (A-1) (4), 8003 (5) (B) and 8003 (5) (D). The parties reached this Agreement on the basis of: 1) a Board Complaint dated July 1, 2011 with attached Provider Reports from Mount St. Joseph’s Long Term Health Care Facility (“Mount St. Joseph”) dated April 28 and May 13, 2011; and 2) supplemental information from the District Attorney’s Office received December 5, 2011.

FACTS

1. Rebecca E. Wood has been licensed as a registered professional nurse to practice in Maine since June 17, 1996.
2. Rebecca E. Wood was employed as a registered professional nurse at Mount St. Joseph from December 30, 2010 until April 29, 2011, when she was suspended pending an internal investigation regarding a missing card of 42½ Oxycodone 2.5mg ½ tablets, along with the associated narcotic count sheet. Ms. Wood was the only person with the keys to access the specific medication drawer from which the pills were missing.
3. Rebecca E. Wood was terminated from Mount St. Joseph on May 3, 2011, following its investigation and follow-up by the Waterville Police Department. Although Ms. Wood initially denied taking the pills, she subsequently admitted to the investigating police officer that she had taken them and the paperwork to ‘cover her tracks.’
4. Rebecca E. Wood fully acknowledges her responsibility for the drug diversion and agrees with the reports submitted by Mount St. Joseph.
5. Rebecca E. Wood has offered to surrender her registered professional nursing license based upon the above-stated facts and thereby waives her right to an adjudicatory hearing.

AGREEMENT

6. The Maine State Board of Nursing will accept Rebecca E. Wood’s offer to voluntarily surrender her registered professional nursing license. Ms. Wood understands and agrees that should this matter go to hearing before the Board on the above-stated facts and the underlying information to support those facts, it is more likely than not they would support the Board’s findings in this Agreement. Further, she understands and agrees that this document imposes discipline regarding her nursing practice in the State of Maine. The grounds for discipline are found under Title 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A(2) (A), (2) (F) and (2) (H) and Chapter 4, Sections 1(A) (1), 1(A) (6), 1(A) (8) and Chapter 4, Sections 3(F), 3(K), 3(N), 3(P) and 3(Q) of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. Specifically, the violations are:



Title 32 M.R.S. §§:

- a. 2105-A (2) (A). Ms. Wood engaged in the practice of fraud or deceit in connection with a service rendered within the scope of her license. See: Chapter 4, Section 1.A.1.
 - b. 2105-A (2) (F). Unprofessional Conduct. Ms. Wood has engaged in unprofessional conduct by violating standards of professional behavior that have been established in the practice for which she is licensed. See: Rule Chapter 4, Section 1.A.6.
 - c. 2105-A (2) (H). A violation of this chapter or a rule adopted by the Board. See: Rule Chapter 4, Section 1.A.8.
 - d. Chapter 4, Section 3. *Unprofessional Conduct* as defined by the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing states that *Nursing behavior which fails to conform to legal standards of the nursing profession, and which could reflect adversely on the health and welfare of the public shall constitute unprofessional conduct and shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:*
 - F. Failure to take appropriate action or follow policies and procedures in the practice situation designed to safeguard the patient.
 - K. Inaccurate recording, falsifying or altering a patient or health care provider record.
 - N. Practicing nursing when unfit to perform procedures and make decisions in accordance with the license held because of physical, psychological or mental impediment.
 - P. Diverting drugs, supplies or property of patients of health care provider.
 - Q. Possessing, obtaining, furnishing or administering prescription drugs to any person, including self, except as directed by a person authorized by law to prescribe drugs.
7. Rebecca E. Wood understands and agrees that her nursing license will remain on surrender status and subject to the terms of this Agreement indefinitely until and unless the Board, at her written request, votes to reinstate her license. Ms. Wood understands and agrees that if the Board reinstates her license, it may be for a probationary period.
 8. The State of Maine is a “Party state” that has adopted the Nurse Licensure Compact (“Compact”), which is set out in Chapter 11 of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. The State of Maine is Ms. Wood’s “Home state” of licensure and primary state of residence, which means that she has declared the State of Maine as her fixed permanent and principle home for legal purposes; her domicile. Other Party states in the Compact are referred to as “Remote states,” which means Party states other than the Home state that have adopted the Compact. Ms. Wood understands this Agreement is subject to the Compact.
 9. Rebecca E. Wood understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into the Agreement.
 10. Rebecca E. Wood shall not work or volunteer in any capacity for a health care provider as defined by Title 24 M.R.S. § 2502 (2) or in any position holding herself out as a registered professional nurse or with the designation “RN” while her nursing license is surrendered.
 11. This Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S. § 402 and will be available for inspection and copying by the public pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 408.
 12. Modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.

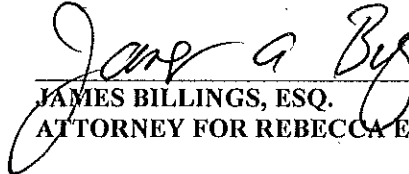
13. This Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
14. Rebecca E. Wood affirms that she executes this Agreement of her own free will.
15. This Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, REBECCA E. WOOD, RN, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THE EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON MY PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, KNOWINGLY, AND INTELLIGENTLY AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND.

DATED: 2-27-12


REBECCA E. WOOD, RN

DATED: 2-29-12


JAMES BILLINGS, ESQ.
ATTORNEY FOR REBECCA E. WOOD, RN

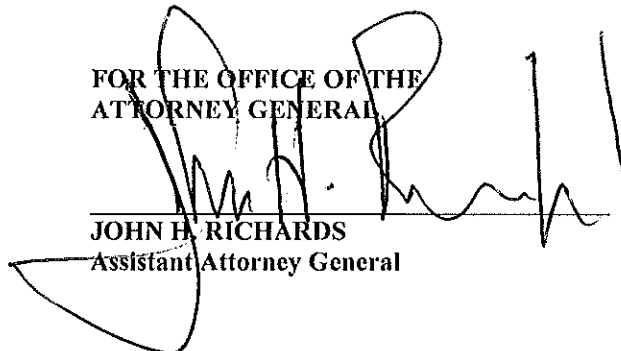
FOR THE MAINE STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: March 2, 2012


MYRA A. BROADWAY, J.D., M.S., R.N.
Executive Director

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 3/7/12


JOHN H. RICHARDS
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