

## STATE OF MAINE BOARD OF NURSING 158 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0158

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IN RE: JILLIAN ADAMS, LPN	)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
of Caribou, ME	)	FOR
License LPN11707	)	WARNING

Complaint 2013-62

## INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 31, the Maine State Legislature endowed the Board with the power and duty to regulate the practice of nurses licensed by the Board, including issuing licenses and investigating complaints. Pursuant to 10 M.R.S. §8008, the Legislature provided that the sole purpose of the Board is to "protect the public health and welfare" and that "other goals or objectives may not supersede this purpose."

This document is a Consent Agreement ("Agreement") regarding Jillian Adams' license as a licensed practical nurse ("LPN") in the State of Maine. The parties to this Agreement are Jillian Adams ("Licensee"), the Maine State Board of Nursing ("the Board"), and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The Board met with the Licensee in an informal conference on March 12, 2015. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §2105-A (1-A)(A), 10 M.R.S. §§8003 (5)(A-1)(1) and 8003 (5)(B) in order to resolve Complaint 2013-62.

## **FACTS**

- 1. Jillian Adams was licensed to practice as an LPN in Maine by examination July 21, 1999.
- 2. On March 8, 2013, the Board received Licensee's on-line renewal application in which she failed to disclose her pending criminal charge for Unlawful Trafficking in Synthetic Hallucinogenic Drugs. As a result of receiving this information, the Board initiated and docketed Complaint 2013-62.
- 3. On April 8, 2013, the Board issued a Notice of Complaint to Licensee regarding Complaint 2013-62.
- 4. On May 20, 2013, the Board received the Licensee's written response to the Notice of Complaint in which she explained that she had answered "NO" to the license renewal question, "Have you been charged with or convicted of a crime, other than a minor traffic offense, since your last renewal of your Maine license?" because she overlooked the "charge part of the question" and did not fully understand at the time that "charged" is not the same as "convicted." She acknowledged she should have contacted the Board or her attorney if she didn't understand the renewal questions.
- Following review at the Board's June 12-13, 2013 meeting, the Licensee was scheduled for an informal conference on July 17, 2013 to discuss Complaint 2013-62. On October 11, 2013, Licensee entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board suspending her LPN license pending resolution of the pending criminal case.
- 6. On April 10, 2014, the Aroostook Superior Court dismissed Jillian Adams' indictment.
- 7. On March 12, 2015, the Board met with Jillian Adams in an informal conference to discuss reinstatement of her nursing license. Licensee reiterated her confusion regarding "charged" and "convicted" and stated that her attorney had advised her not to speak of the pending charges and to answer "No" to the specific question.



- 8. The Board voted to offer Licensee a consent agreement.
- 9. This Agreement is offered to resolve Complaint 2013-62 without further proceedings. Absent Licensee's acceptance of this Agreement by signing, dating, and returning it to the Maine State Board of Nursing, 158 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0158 on or before May 1, 2015, the Board may take further action. In the absence of an agreement, the Board could impose, subsequent to adjudicatory proceedings, greater adverse action on this matter including fines, suspension or revocation of license.

## **AGREEMENT**

- 10. Licensee admits to the Facts as stated above and admits that such conduct constitutes grounds for the Board to impose discipline against her Maine nursing license under the following laws and regulations:
  - 32 M.R.S. §2105-A (2)(A) by engaging in the practice of fraud or deceit in obtaining a license under this chapter or in connection with service rendered within the scope of the license issued.
  - 32 M.R.S. §2105-A (2)(F) by engaging in conduct that violates any standard of professional behavior which has been established in the practice for which the licensee is licensed.
- 11. As discipline for the violations, Licensee agrees that she will receive a **WARNING** related to the above-stated conduct.
- 12. Licensee waives her right to an adjudicatory hearing before the Board or any court regarding all facts, terms and conditions of this Agreement. Licensee agrees that this Agreement is a final order resolving Complaint 2013-62.
- 13. The Board and the Attorney General may communicate and cooperate regarding Licensee's practice or any other matter related to this Agreement.
- 14. 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-A.
- 15. This Agreement constitutes adverse action and is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).
- 16. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to affect any right or interest of any person not a party hereto.
- 17. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "execution" means that date on which the final signature is affixed to this Agreement.
- 18. Licensee acknowledges by her signature hereto that she has read this Agreement, that she has had an opportunity to consult with an attorney before executing this Agreement, that she has executed this Agreement of her own free will and that she agrees to abide by all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

DATED: 5/1/15

ICENSEE IN LIAN ADAMS LPN

DATED: 5/8/15

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