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In re: }
 Marleise C. Cox, L.P.N. } **CONSENT AGREEMENT**
 of Bucksport, Maine } **AND WARNING**
 License #P001184 }

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement and Warning regarding Marleise C. Cox's license to practice practical 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: Marleise C. Cox, L.P.N., the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

Ms. Cox was advised by the Board that it had received a letter dated August 8, 1995 from Mary Louise McEwen, R.N., Director of Nursing at the Bangor Mental Health Institute, containing information of a possible violation of 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(2)(E), (2)(F) and (2)(H). Ms. Cox responded by letters received on September 19 and November 15, 1995. The Board subsequently requested that Ms. Cox attend an informal conference pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A). The informal conference was held on December 12, 1995. Ms. Cox was present and was not represented by counsel.

FACTS

1. Ms. Cox admits to the allegation of falsifying medication administration records, as set forth in the letter from Ms. McEwen of the Bangor Mental Health Institute.
2. Ms. Cox was disciplined by the Bangor Mental Health Institute, completed education on the importance and legality of medication records, and had her medical privileges suspended at the Bangor Mental Health Institute as a result of this incident.
3. Ms. Cox has been a licensed practical nurse and has been employed at the Bangor Mental Health Institute for twenty-seven years.
4. There is documentation of five medication errors by Ms. Cox in 1994, and five medication errors by Ms. Cox in 1995 up to and including this incident.

COVENANTS

Based on the above facts, the Board voted to enter into an agreement with Ms. Cox under which she will be, and she hereby is, **WARNED** for her actions in this matter. Ms. Cox is advised to conform her future conduct accordingly. The Board agrees to take no further disciplinary action upon these facts.

Ms. Cox understands that this document is a Consent Agreement which affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. This Consent Agreement may be amended only in writing, signed by all parties. Ms. Cox 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. Cox affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

DATED: 10-18-96

Marleise C. Cox L.P.N.
MARLEISE C. COX, L.P.N.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING:

DATED: 10/25/96

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

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL:

DATED: 10/30/96

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