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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 18, 2008

Robert T. Curtis, R.N.
P.O. Box 411
Patten, ME 04765

Dear Mr. Curtis:

Pursuant to your meeting with the Board June 5, 2008, this will confirm that the Board voted unanimously to reinstate your registered professional nursing license.

Best wishes in your practice.

Sincerely,

Myra A. Broadway, J.D., M.S., R.N.
Executive Director

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IN RE: ROBERT T. CURTIS)
 of Houlton, Maine)
 License # R046093)
) CONSENT AGREEMENT
) FOR VOLUNTARY
) SURRENDER OF LICENSE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Robert T. Curtis' license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(C) and 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B), (5)(D). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Robert T. Curtis ("Licensee"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The Board met with Mr. Curtis in an Informal Conference on May 15, 2007. The parties reached this Agreement on the basis of the following information provided to the Board: 1.) Complaint or Provider Report from Gorham House, Portland, Maine by letter dated June 30, 2006; 2.) Investigative Report (Gorham House ME00003306) conducted by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services dated December 4, 2006; 3.) Complaint or Provider Report from Mountain Heights Health Care, Patten, Maine by letter dated January 16, 2007; and, 4.) Investigative Report (No. ME00004087) conducted by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services dated January 17, 2007.

FACTS

1. Robert T. Curtis has been licensed as a registered professional nurse to practice in Maine since 2001.
2. Robert T. Curtis was employed at Gorham House on April 6, 2006 as the Unit Manager of the Geropsych unit. On April 25, 2006 his employment was terminated because of improperly restraining a resident to a chair with a gait belt and his lack of understanding of the policies and procedures in the use of restraints.
3. The Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services' investigation of the Gorham House incident substantiated resident abuse as a result of restraining the resident without a physician's order and failing to follow the facility's policies designed to ensure the safety of residents.
4. Robert T. Curtis was a charge nurse at Mountain Heights Health Care ("Mountain Heights"). He was terminated from employment on January 9, 2007 for an incidence of abuse to an Alzheimer's resident, which involved putting a resident



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in a headlock, pushing the resident against the wall, causing the resident to lose his balance and fall to the floor.

5. The Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services' investigation of the Mountain Heights incident substantiated that Mr. Curtis verbally abused an Alzheimer's resident.
6. Robert T. Curtis has offered to voluntarily surrender his registered professional nurse license.

AGREEMENT

7. The Maine State Board of Nursing will accept Robert T. Curtis' voluntary surrender of his license.
8. Robert T. Curtis neither admits nor denies the facts contained herein, but he acknowledges that if this matter went to a hearing before the Board that it is more likely than not that the facts would support the facts in this Agreement.
9. Robert T. Curtis agrees and understands based upon the above-stated facts, this document imposes discipline regarding his license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(E)(2), (2)(F), (2)(H), Chapter 4, sections 1(A)(5)(b), 1(A)(6), 1(A)(8) and Chapter 4, section 3(F) of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing.
10. Robert T. Curtis agrees and understands that his license will remain on surrender status and subject to the terms of this Consent Agreement indefinitely until and unless the Board, at Mr. Curtis's written request, votes to reinstate Mr. Curtis's license. Mr. Curtis agrees and understands that if the Board reinstates his license, it will be for a probationary period.
11. Robert T. Curtis understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that affects his rights to practice registered professional nursing in Maine and party states in the Nurse Licensure Compact. Mr. Curtis also understands that he does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that he has the right to consult with an attorney before entering the Consent Agreement.
12. Robert T. Curtis shall not work or volunteer, in any capacity, for a health care provider as defined by Title 24 M.R.S.A. § 2502 (2) or in any position holding himself out as a registered professional nurse or with the designation, R.N.
13. If Mr. Curtis fails to meet any of the obligations of this Consent Agreement, the Board may take any disciplinary action, which it deems appropriate and impose any of the sanctions, including but not limited to that found in Title 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003 and Title 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A.

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14. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
15. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
16. Robert T. Curtis affirms that he executes this Consent Agreement of his own free will.
17. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below and the surrender of his license is retroaction to the date of the informal conference, May 15, 2007.

I, ROBERT T. CURTIS, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT ANY THREAT OR PROMISE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND.

DATED: 11-16-07



ROBERT T. CURTIS

**FOR THE MAINE STATE
BOARD OF NURSING**

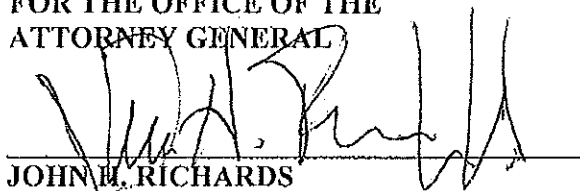
DATED: Nov. 26, 2007



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

**FOR THE OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

DATED: Nov. 28, 2007



JOHN H. RICHARDS
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