

JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI GOVERNOR IN RE:

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

	MYRA A. BROADWAY, J.D., M.S., R.N
	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ROBERT E. DILLON, Jr.) CONSENT AGREEMENT
of Lebanon, Maine) FOR SUSPENSION
License # RO48177)

PARTIES

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Robert E. Dillon, Jr.'s license to practice nursing in the State of Maine. The parties to this Consent Agreement are: Robert E. Dillon, Jr., ("Mr. Dillon"), the Maine State Board of Nursing ("the Board"), and the Maine Office of the Attorney General ("the Attorney General"). This Consent Agreement is entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A(1-A)(C) and 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B), (5)(D).

FACTS

- 1. At the time of the incidents discussed in this Consent Agreement, Mr. Dillon was licensed by the Board as a registered professional nurse with a specialty as a family nurse practitioner, License #RO48177.
- 2. At the time of the incidents discussed in this Consent Agreement, Mr. Dillon resided in the State of Maine, which makes Maine his home state for licensing purposes pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Board's rules.
- 3. At the time of the incidents discussed in this Consent Agreement, Mr. Dillon was also licensed by the New Hampshire Board of Nursing, License ARNP # 046771-23-03 and RN # 046771-21, and was employed as a nurse practitioner by Pain Care Centers, Inc. located in Somersworth, New Hampshire.
- 4. On or about April 1, 2007, Mr. Dillon began treating as a patient a woman who will be referred to in this Consent Agreement as "DH."
- 5. Mr. Dillon's treatment of DH included dispensing narcotics and other pain relieving medication to her.
- 6. Beginning sometime in April or May 2007, during the time that DH was a patient of Mr. Dillon, Mr. Dillon became engaged in a personal and sexual relationship with DH.
- 7. This personal and sexual relationship between Mr. Dillon and DH continued until July 2007, and lasted the duration of time that DH was a patient of Mr. Dillon.

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- 8. As a result of his relationship with DH, following an investigation, Mr. Dillon was suspended without pay at Pain Care Centers, Inc. on July 16, 2007 and voluntarily surrendered his New Hampshire license to the New Hampshire Board of Nursing on September 26, 2007.
- 9. The Board has information that Mr. Dillon is currently in psychiatric and psychological treatment for issues related to these incidents, including professional boundaries.
- 10. On March 12, 2008, following an informal conference, the Board voted to set this matter for hearing and to offer this Consent Agreement to Mr. Dillon in order to resolve the complaint against him.
- 11. Absent Mr. Dillon's acceptance of this Consent Agreement by signing and dating it and mailing it to Myra Broadway, Executive Director, 158 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0158 by April 21, 2008, the Board will resolve this matter by holding an adjudicatory hearing.

COVENANTS

- 12. Mr. Dillon admits to facts stated above and admits that such conduct constitutes grounds for disciplining him as follows:
 - a. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A(2)(H), a violation of Board statutes located in Chapter 31 or a rule adopted by the Board;
 - b. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A(2)(F) and Board Rule 02-380 ch. 4 § (1)(A)(6), engaging in unprofessional conduct by violating a standard of professional behavior that has been established in the practice for which Mr. Dillon is licensed;
 - c. Pursuant to Board Rule 02-280 ch. 4 § (3)(H), engaging in unprofessional conduct by intentionally or negligently causing physical or emotional injury to a patient;
 - d. Pursuant to Board Rule 02-280 ch. 4 § (4)(A), sexual misconduct by engaging in sexual or romantic behavior with or towards a patient;
 - e. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A(2)(E) (1) and Board Rule 02-380 ch. 4 § (1)(A)(5)(a), incompetence in the practice for which Mr. Dillon is licensed by engaging in conduct that evidences a lack of ability or fitness to discharge the duty owed by the licensee to a client or patient or the general public.
- 13. As discipline for conduct admitted in Paragraph 11 of this Consent Agreement, Mr. Dillon agrees to accept the following DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

A LICENSE SUSPENSION for a period of one (1) year, which suspension shall commence upon the date of final execution of this Consent Agreement. During the one (1) year suspension, Mr. Dillon shall continue to work with his treatment providers on the topics of appropriate therapeutic relationships with patients and professional boundaries, and shall provide to the Board quarterly reports from his treatment providers, including his psychologist and psychiatrist, the first report to be due on July 21, 2008. Mr. Dillon shall notify the Board of any change in his treatment providers. At the end of his one (1) year suspension, Mr. Dillon shall again come before the Board. It is anticipated that at that time, if the Board determines Mr. Dillon is sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant public trust, the Board will reinstate Mr. Dillon's license and place Mr. Dillon on probation, with conditions and duration to be determined at that time.

- 14. The Board and Mr. Dillon agree that any violation of any of the terms or conditions of this Consent Agreement by Mr. Dillon shall constitute grounds for discipline, and the Board has the authority to issue an order modifying, suspending, or revoking his license in the event that he fails to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Agreement.
- 15. Pursuant to 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B), this Consent Agreement is not appealable and is effective until modified or rescinded by the parties hereto.
- 16. This Consent 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.
- 17. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed to affect any right or interest of any person not a party hereto.
- 18. Mr. Dillon acknowledges by his signature hereto that he has read this Consent Agreement, that he has had an opportunity to consult with an attorney before executing this Consent Agreement, that he executed this Consent Agreement of his own free will, that no promises have been made to him outside of the written terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement, and that he agrees to abide by all terms and conditions set forth herein.

I, ROBERT E. DILLON, Jr., 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: <u>04/02/08</u>

ROBERT E. DILLON, Jr.

DATED: 4/2/08

VICTORIA E. MORALES, ESQ. Attorney for Robert E. Dillon, Jr.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: april 3, 2008

MYRA A. BROADWAY, (JD., M.S., R.N.

Executive Director

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 4-9-08

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