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IN RE: CORDELIA GOTH)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
of Bremen, ME)	FOR VOLUNTARY
License # R053932)	SURRENDER OF LICENSE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement ("Agreement") regarding Cordelia Goth's license as a registered professional nurse in the State of Maine. The parties to this Agreement are Cordelia Goth ("Licensee" or "Ms. Goth"), 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 (5) (A-1) (4) and 8003 (5) (B). The parties met in an informal conference on January 7, 2011 and reached this Agreement on the basis of a Board Complaint regarding Ms. Goth's self-report dated November 12, 2010 of a conviction for Operating Under the Influence ("OUI") dated August 5, 2010.

FACTS

- 1. <u>Licensing History</u>. Cordelia Goth has been licensed to practice as a registered professional nurse in Maine since June 2007.
- 2. Cordelia Goth self-reported to the Board her criminal conviction for an August 5, 2010 OUI (Misdemeanor, Class D) for which she received a sentence of 48 hours imprisonment in the County Jail and a fine of \$800.00.
- 3. Cordelia Goth admits that she has a substance abuse problem that is foreseeably likely to result in her performing services in a manner that endangers the health and safety of patients. She states that she has had several relapses and has been sober for one week as of January 7, 2011.
- 4. Cordelia Goth wishes to resolve this matter by entering into this Agreement and offers to surrender her registered professional nurse license, thereby waiving her right to an adjudicatory hearing.

AGREEMENT

- The Board will accept Cordelia Goth's offer to voluntarily surrender her registered professional nursing license. Ms. Goth 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) (B), (2) (F), (2) (G), (2) (H) and Chapter 4.1.A.2., 4.1.A.6., 4.1.A.7. and 4.1.A.8. of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. Specifically, the violations are:
 - a. 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A (2) (B). "Habitual substance abuse that . . . is foreseeably likely to result in the licensee performing services in a manner that endangers the health or safety of patients." (See also Rule Chapter 4, Section 4.1.A.2.)
 - b. 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A (2) (F). Unprofessional Conduct. Ms. Goth has engaged in unprofessional conduct which violates a standard of professional behavior that has been established in the practice for which she is licensed. (See also Rule Chapter 4, Section 4.1.A.6.)



- c. 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A (2) (G). "Subject to the limitations of Title 5, chapter 341, conviction of a crime that . . . relates directly to the practice for which Ms. Goth is licensed. . . ."
- d. 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A (2) (H). A violation of this chapter or a rule adopted by the Board. (See also Rule Chapter 4, Section 1.A.8.)
- 6. Cordelia Goth understands and agrees that her 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. She understands and agrees that if the Board reinstates her license, it will be for a probationary period.
- 7. 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. Goth'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. Goth understands this Agreement is subject to the Compact.
- 8. Cordelia Goth understands that she does not have to execute this Agreement and has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into the Agreement.
- 9. Cordelia Goth 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all the parties.
- 12. This Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
- 13. Cordelia Goth affirms that she executes this Agreement of her own free will.
- 14. This Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, CORDELIA GOTH, RN, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. 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: 2-19-11

CORDELIA GOTH, BN

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: Jeb 24, 2011

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

Executive Director

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 2/2A/11

JOHN H. RICHARDS | Assistant Attorney General