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IN RE: SUZANNE HACKETT, LPN )  
of Veazie, ME )  
License No. LPN8271 )

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR  
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

Cases 2010-108 & 2011-414

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 Suzanne S. Hackett’s license as a licensed practical nurse (“LPN”) in the State of Maine. The parties to this Agreement are Suzanne S. Hackett (“Ms. Hackett” or “Licensee”), the Maine State Board of Nursing (“the Board”), and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S. §8003(5)(B).

FACTS

1. **Licensing History.** Suzanne M. Hackett was first licensed to practice in Maine as an LPN on May 21, 1984. On December 12, 2011, Ms. Hackett entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board for a voluntary surrender concerning her substance abuse. In November 2011, she signed a five-year monitoring contract with the Medical Professionals Health Program (“MPHP”).
2. On November 28, 2012, Suzanne S. Hackett appeared before the Board to request reinstatement of her nursing license. Based upon her continued compliance with MPHP and reports from her treatment provider(s) regarding her on-going commitment to successful recovery, the Board voted to reinstate Ms. Hackett’s LPN license without conditions, effective November 28, 2012 with the understanding that she would remain under her monitoring contract with MPHP.
3. On May 21, 2013, the Board received notification from MPHP that Ms. Hackett had self-reported a relapse with alcohol on one day following a severe personal crisis and loss. She remained with MPHP and follow-up random drug tests have been negative.
4. On October 22, 2013, the Board received notification from MPHP that Ms. Hackett had decided to withdraw from participation with MPHP prior to the end of her contract because she intends to leave the field of nursing and pursue a new line of work. The Licensee spoke with the Board’s Probation Compliance Officer on November 22, 2013 and stated that she is not going to pursue nursing employment at this time.



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5. The November 2012 reinstatement without probation was contingent upon Suzanne Hackett remaining under her MPHP monitoring contract; given that she has ended that contract, the Board will accept her offer to surrender her LPN license.

#### AGREEMENT

6. Suzanne S. Hackett admits to the Facts as stated above and admits that such conduct constitutes grounds for the Board to impose discipline against her as follows:
  - a. 32 M.R.S. §2105-A (F) and Board Rule Chapter 4 §1.A.6 for engaging in unprofessional conduct by terminating her MPHP monitoring contract prematurely, thereby violating the November 2012 reinstatement of license.
7. As discipline for the conduct admitted in paragraph 6 above, Ms. Hackett agrees to **SURRENDER** her Maine LPN license effective upon the date of the final execution of this Agreement. Ms. Hackett understands and agrees that as a result of license surrender, she no longer has a license and is subject to the terms of this Agreement until and unless the Board, at her written request, votes to approve reinstatement of her license. Ms. Hackett understands and agrees that, upon receiving her request for reinstatement of her Maine LPN license, the Board shall have the sole discretion to grant or deny such a request or to grant her a license with probation and conditions as it determines appropriate to protect the public.
8. The State of Maine is a “party state” that has adopted the Nurse Licensure Compact (“the Compact”), which is set out in Chapter 11 of the Rules of the Maine State Board of Nursing. The State of Maine is Ms. Hackett’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 principal 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. Hackett understands this Agreement is subject to the Compact.
9. Ms. Hackett 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 licensed practical nurse or with the designation “LPN” while she does not hold a nursing license.
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-A.
11. This Agreement constitutes a final adverse licensing action that is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) pursuant to Section 1128E of the Social Security Act and 45 C.F.R. Part 61.
12. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to affect any right or interest of any person not a party hereto.
13. This Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by Ms. Hackett, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court by the Board.

14. Ms. Hackett acknowledges by her signature hereto that she has read this Agreement, has had an opportunity to consult with an attorney before executing this Agreement, has executed this Agreement of her own free will, and agrees to abide by all terms and conditions set forth herein.

Dated: 02/04/2014

Suzanne S. Hackett, LPN  
LICENSEE SUZANNE S. HACKETT, LPN

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Dated: 2/20/14

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