

# State of Maine Board of Nursing 158 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0158

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## BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE RN46723 ISSUED TO: ROMELDA L. JAMIESON	) ) ) ORDER TERMINATING ) PROBATION
To practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine	}

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2012, License #RN46723 issued to Romelda L. Jamieson was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on **September 4, 2013** the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning **Romelda L. Jamieson's** compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Romelda L. Jamieson has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation executed on **April 11, 2012** is hereby terminated.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN RE: ROMELDA L. JAMIESON, RN	)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
of Pembroke, Maine	)	FOR
License No. RN46723	)	PROBATION

### INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement ("Agreement") regarding Romelda L. Jamieson's license as a registered nurse ("RN") in the State of Maine. The parties to this Agreement are Romelda L. Jamieson ("Licensee" or "Ms. Jamieson"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The Board met with the Licensee in an informal conference on November 29, 2011 and reached this Agreement on the basis of a Board Complaint dated August 4, 2010, including a Provider Report from Eastport Memorial Nursing Home ("Eastport Memorial"), located in Eastport, Maine, dated August 2, 2010. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A (1-A) (B) and § 8003(5) (B).

### **FACTS**

License History: Romelda L. Jamieson has been licensed by the Board as an RN since October 23, 2001. Ms. Jamieson entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board on November 10, 2010, receiving a formal Warning and placing her license on probation ("2010 Agreement"). The basis of the 2010 Agreement was an August 2008 report from Calais Regional Hospital regarding Ms. Jamieson's substandard nursing practice because of medication errors, lack of critical nursing judgment, clinical competence and documentation. The 2010 Agreement imposed a condition that:

[T]he period of probation will be determined by the length of time that Ms. Jamieson successfully completes three (3) credits of nursing education in pharmacology, which includes a component in medication administration. Ms. Jamieson shall obtain pre-approval of the nursing education program from the Executive Director of the Board. Ms. Jamieson shall complete the nursing education program within one (1) year of the effective date of this Agreement and provide documentary proof to the Executive Director of such completion.

Ms. Jamieson met with the Board in an informal conference on November 29, 2011 to discuss the Provider Report from Eastport Memorial and her noncompliance in completing the nursing education required by the 2010 Agreement with the Board. The Board noted that Ms. Jamieson has partially completed the education criteria and has only the clinical component left to do. In addition, she has remained in active nursing practice and is compliant with the quarterly reporting aspect of the 2010 Agreement.

- 2. Romelda L. Jamieson resigned in lieu of termination from her position as an RN at Eastport Memorial on July 29, 2010 as a result of the administration's concern regarding her rate of medication errors.
- 3. Romelda L. Jamieson wishes to resolve this matter by accepting this Agreement and thereby waives her rights to an adjudicatory hearing.

### **AGREEMENT**

- 4. Romelda L. Jamieson acknowledges that the Board has evidence from which it could conclude there is a violation of Title 32 M.R.S. §§ 2105-A (2), (E) (2), (2) (F), (2) (H) and Chapter 4.1.A.5.b., 4.1.A.6., 4.1.A.8., Chapter 4.3.F of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board Rules"). Ms. Jamieson acknowledges that this conduct in the above-stated facts constitutes grounds for discipline. Ms. Jamieson's RN license is hereby placed on PROBATION for an extended term of one (1) year of nursing practice following the successful completion of the aforementioned medication administration course, thereby superseding the August 2010 Agreement. Specifically, the violations are:
  - a. 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A (2) (E) (2). Ms. Jamieson engaged in conduct that evidences a lack of knowledge or inability to apply principles or skills to carry out the practice for which she is licensed. See also: Board Rule Chapter 4, Section 1.A.5.b.
  - b. 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A (2) (F). Ms. Jamieson engaged in unprofessional conduct that violates standards of professional behavior practice in medication administration that have been established in the practice for which she is licensed. See also: Board Rule Chapter 4, Section 1.A.6.
  - c. 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A (2) (H). Ms. Jamieson violated a Maine Revised Statute in Title 32, Chapter 31 and rules adopted by the Board. See also: Board Rule Chapter 4, Section 1.A.8.
  - d. Board Rule: Chapter 4, Section 3. Defines "Unprofessional Conduct" as nursing behavior which fails to conform to legal standards of the nursing profession, which could reflect adversely on the health and welfare of the public, which includes:
    - Chapter 4, Section 3(F). Ms. Jamieson failed to follow policies and procedures designed to safeguard a patient at Eastport Memorial in that she failed to follow appropriate standards of nursing practice for medication administration.
- 5. Romelda L. Jamieson's license as an RN is placed on probationary status with conditions. The period of probation will be for a period of one (1) year following successful completion of the medication administration course and effective only while she is employed in nursing practice. Her probationary license will be subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Romelda L. Jamieson shall successfully complete three (3) credits of nursing education in pharmacology, which includes a component in medication administration. Ms. Jamieson shall complete the nursing education program within one (1) year of the effective date of this Agreement and provide documentary proof to the Executive Director of such completion.
  - b. Romelda L. Jamieson shall fully comply with the conditions of the probation in this Agreement. Ms. Jamieson shall inform the Board in writing within 15 days of any address change.
  - c. Romelda L. Jamieson will notify any and all of her nursing employers of the terms of this Agreement and shall provide them with a copy of it.
  - d. Romelda L. Jamieson will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports from her nursing employer regarding her general nursing practice. If during the period of probation, Ms. Jamieson's employment as a nurse or her educational program terminates, she shall notify the Board in writing within five (5) business days after she is terminated or

separated, regardless of cause, with a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination or separation to ensure that she remains in compliance with her probationary requirements.

- 6. Romelda L. Jamieson agrees and understands that her license will remain on probationary status and subject to the terms of this Agreement beyond the above-referenced probationary period until and unless the Board, at her written request, votes to terminate her probation. When considering whether to terminate the probation, the Board will consider the extent to which Ms. Jamieson has complied with the provisions of this Agreement.
- 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 Board Rules. The State of Maine is Ms. Jamieson'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. Jamieson understands and agrees that this Agreement is applicable to her multi-state licensure privilege, if any, to practice nursing in Compact states.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that while Ms. Jamieson's license is subject to this Agreement, she may not work outside the State of Maine pursuant to a multi-state privilege without the written permission of the Maine State Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the Party state(s) in which she wishes to work.

- 8. 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.
- 9. Romelda L. Jamieson understands that she does not have to execute this Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into the Agreement.
- 10. Romelda L. Jamieson affirms that she executes this Agreement of her own free will.
- 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.
- 13. This Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, ROMELDA L. JAMIESON, RN, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THE EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON MY REGISTERED NURSE LICENSE. 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: <u>4/4//2</u>

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DATED: 4-4-12

DONALD F. BROWN, ESQ.

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FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: 4/10/12

MYRA A/BROADWAY, J.P., M.S., R.N.

**Executive Director** 

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED:

JOHN-H. NICHARDS

Assistant Attorney General