

# 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 NO. <b>R020846</b> ISSUED TO:	) ) ORDER TERMINATING
PRISCILLA MCKEE-MEYERS	) PROBATION
To practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine	)

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2002, License No. R020846 issued to Priscilla McKee-Meyers was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on **September 28, 2006**, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning **Priscilla McKee-Meyers'** compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Priscilla McKee-Meyers has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation executed on June 5, 2002 is hereby terminated.

DATED this 3rd day of October 2006.

MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

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IN RE: PRISCILLA McKEE-MEYERS, R.N.	)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
of Gorham, Maine	)	FOR LICENSE PROBATION
License #R020846	)	WITH CONDITIONS

# **INTRODUCTION**

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Priscilla McKee-Meyers' license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(A-1)(4), 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B), and 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105A(1A)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Priscilla McKee-Meyers ("Licensee"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties reached this Consent Agreement following an informal conference held on April 11, 2002. The Consent Agreement is based on information submitted by Mercy Hospital, Portland, Maine dated November 14, 2001.

## **FACTS**

- 1. Priscilla McKee-Meyers' has been a registered professional nurse licensed by the Board to practice in Maine since 1977.
- 2. Priscilla McKee-Meyers self-reported to her supervisor at Mercy Hospital that she had a drug addiction relapse and that she had been diverting methadone from the hospital supplies for a period from March, 2001 to June, 2001. The methadone was diverted for her own use. Ms. McKee-Meyers was subsequently terminated from employment at Mercy Hospital.
- 3. Priscilla McKee-Meyers original addiction was in the use of opiates 15 years ago. She received substance abuse treatment for her original addiction and remained in aftercare for a period of 10 years. She was substance free for 15 years prior to her relapse described in the present incident at Mercy Hospital.
- 4. Priscilla McKee-Meyers has completed a 28 day substance abuse program at the Karen Foundation. Ms. McKee-Meyers is under the care of her primary physician and her current treatment consists of therapy for substance abuse every two weeks, attends A.A. or N.A. In addition, she is subject to random urine tests on a monthly basis. She has also developed a support system of people to help her address substance abuse issues.



### AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS OF PROBATION

- 5. Priscilla McKee-Meyers agrees and understands that this document imposes discipline regarding her license to practice professional nursing and her conduct constitutes grounds for discipline under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(F) and (2)(H) and Chapter, 4(1)(A)(6), (4)(3)(P) and (4)(Q) of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing.
- 6. Priscilla McKee-Meyers' license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine will be placed on a probationary status with conditions. The period of probation will be for a period of three years, to be effective only while she is employed in nursing practice or enrolled in a nursing education program. For purposes of this Agreement, nursing employment is any employment during which Ms. McKee-Meyers performs nursing services. Ms. McKee-Meyers's probationary license will be subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Priscilla McKee-Meyers will abstain completely from the use of alcohol or drugs, with the exception of substances used in accordance with a valid prescription from a physician who is aware of Ms. McKee-Meyers' substance abuse history.
  - b. Priscilla McKee-Meyers will continue in her aftercare treatment program to such an extent and for as long as her treatment providers recommend.
  - c. Priscilla McKee-Meyers will arrange for and ensure the submission of quarterly reports to the Board by her primary physician treating her for substance abuse.
  - d. Priscilla McKee-Meyers will immediately notify the Board in writing should she change her nursing employment or enter into an educational program in the field of nursing. Notice under this section shall include the place and position of employment or the educational program and any subsequent change in employment or change in educational programs.
  - e. Priscilla McKee-Meyers will notify any and all of her nursing employers and notify faculty involved in any clinical studies of the terms of this Consent Agreement and shall provide them with a copy of it.
  - f. Priscilla McKee-Meyers will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports from her nursing employer or clinical faculty regarding her nursing practice.
  - g. Priscilla McKee-Meyers agrees and understands that the Board and the Department of Attorney General shall have access to any and all medical records and all otherwise confidential or medically privileged information pertaining to

her treatment for substance abuse which the Board deems necessary to evaluate Ms. McKee-Meyers' compliance with the Consent Agreement and her continued Recovery. Ms. McKee-Meyers shall provide such information, shall authorize the release of such records and information, and shall authorize any such discussions and communications with any and all persons involved in her care, counseling and employment as may be requested by the Board for the purpose of evaluating Ms. McKeeMeyers' compliance with the Consent Agreement and her continued recovery.

- 7. Priscilla McKee-Meyers agrees and understands that her license will remain on probationary status and subject to the terms of this Agreement indefinitely beyond the three year probationary period, until and unless the Board, at Ms. McKee-Meyers' written request, votes to terminate Ms. McKee-Meyers' probation. When considering whether to terminate the probation, the Board will consider the extent to which Ms. McKee-Meyers has complied with the provisions of this Consent Agreement.
- 8. Priscilla McKee-Meyers understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. McKee-Meyers understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into the Consent Agreement.
- 9. If Ms. McKee-Meyers 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.
- 10. Priscilla McKee-Meyers affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
- 11. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all the parties.
- 12. This Consent Agreement is not subject to appeal or review by the Licensee but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.

13. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, PRISCILLA MCKEE-MEYERS, R.N., 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.

PRISCILLA MCKEE-MEYERS, R.N.

Attorney for Priscilla McKee-Meyers

FOR THE MAINE STATE **BOARD OF NURSING** 

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