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In re:)
Sharon G. McLaughlin) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**
 of New Sweden, ME) **CONCERNING LICENSURE**
 License #P009429)

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Sharon G. McLaughlin's license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine, entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A)(B) and 10 M.R.S.A. Section 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are: Sharon G. McLaughlin, the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

Ms. McLaughlin was advised by the Board that it had received a letter dated March 1, 1995 from Jacqueline Devoe, R.N.C., Director of Nursing at the Cary Medical Center, containing information of a possible violation of 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(2)(B), (2)(E) and (2)(F). Ms. McLaughlin responded by letter dated March 28, 1995. The Board subsequently requested that Ms. McLaughlin attend an informal conference pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A). The informal conference was held on December 12, 1995. Ms. McLaughlin was present and was not represented by counsel.

FACTS

1. Ms. McLaughlin admits to the theft of Valium, Ativan, and Restoril from the Cary Medical Center and states that she did this in order to stockpile these medication for a suicide attempt.
2. Ms. McLaughlin states that she did not divert any morphine.
3. Ms. McLaughlin was, at the time of the informal conference, in treatment for depression.
4. Ms. McLaughlin's license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine is currently in a lapsed status.
5. Ms. McLaughlin states that she ingested some of these medications in a suicide attempt but that she stopped and called work for help.
6. Ms. McLaughlin voluntarily let her practical nursing license lapse because she felt that she was not able to practice at that time due to her depression.
7. Ms. McLaughlin has been terminated from her employment at the Cary Medical Center because of her theft of medications.

COVENANTS

Based on the above facts, the Board voted to enter into an agreement with Ms. McLaughlin under which she will provide appropriate documentation from her treating health care providers of her fitness to practice nursing before she applies for reinstatement of her license. Until her license is reactivated by the Board it will remain in a lapsed status. Should she apply for reinstatement of

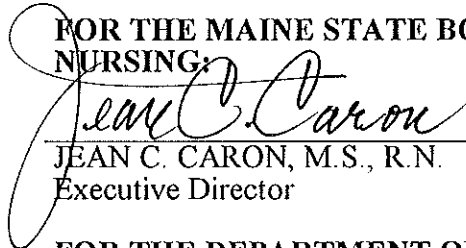
her license, Ms. McLaughlin must appear personally before the Board, and the decision on reinstatement at that point will be at the discretion of the Board, on the basis of the extent of Ms. McLaughlin's compliance with this consent agreement, her qualifications to practice, and considerations of protection of the public. The Board agrees to take no further disciplinary action upon these facts as long as Ms. McLaughlin complies fully with this Consent Agreement.

Ms. McLaughlin understands that this document is a Consent Agreement which affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. This Consent Agreement may be amended only in writing, signed by all parties. Ms. McLaughlin understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering this Consent Agreement. Ms. McLaughlin affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

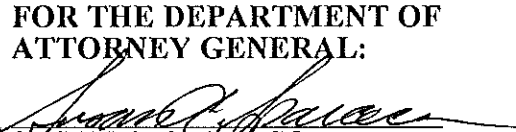
DATED: 9/26/97


SHARON G. MCLAUGHLIN

DATED: 10/2/97

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF
NURSING:

JEAN C. CARON, M.S., R.N.
Executive Director

DATED: 10/2/97

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