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IN RE: RONALD L. MESERVEY, R.N.) CONSENT AGREEMENT	
of Brewer, Maine)	FOR
License #R043570)	WARNING

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement ("Agreement") regarding Ronald L. Meservey's license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A (1-A) (A), 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5) (A-1) (1) and § 8003(5) (B). The parties to this Agreement are Ronald L. Meservey ("Licensee" or "Mr. Meservey"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The Board met with Mr. Meservey in an Informal Conference on February 26, 2009. The parties reached this Agreement on the basis of a Notice of Complaint/Provider Report from the Board dated November 4, 2008, including a FAX from The Acadia Hospital ("Acadia") dated October 21, 2008, with supporting correspondence dated October 17 and October 27, 2008.

FACTS

- 1. Ronald L. Meservey has been a registered professional nurse licensed to practice in Maine since June 1999.
- 2. Ronald L. Meservey was terminated from employment at Acadia as a registered professional nurse on October 17, 2008 for e-mail exchanges with other Acadia employees which his supervisors found to be inappropriate. Prior to Mr. Meservey's termination at Acadia, he held the position of Clinical Staff Developer with the responsibility, among other things, of training staff about professional boundaries and the appropriate use of e-mail communications. The subject of this complaint illustrates several e-mail exchanges between Mr. Meservey and another staff member regarding a female staff member and female patients, which is contrary to the responsibilities Mr. Meservey was assigned. His actions had the potential to compromise professional staff development designed to provide professional services to patients.

AGREEMENT

3. Ronald L. Meservey understands and agrees that his conduct in the above-stated facts constitutes grounds for discipline under Title 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A (2) (F) and (2) (H) and Chapter 4.1.A.6 of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. Ronald L. Meservey is hereby **WARNED** for these violations. Specifically, the violations are:



Title 32 M.R.S.A. §§:

- a. 2105-A (2) (F). Unprofessional Conduct. Mr. Meservey engaged in unprofessional conduct by violating standards of professional behavior regarding patient care that have been established in the practice for which the licensee is licensed. (See also Chapter 4, Section 1.A.6.)
- b. 2105-A (2) (H). A violation of this chapter or a rule adopted by the Board. (See also Chapter 4, Section 1.A.6.)
- 4. 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 Mr. Meservey's "home state" of licensure and primary state of residence, which means that he has declared the State of Maine as his fixed permanent and principle home for legal purposes; his domicile. Other party states that are in the Compact are referred to as "remote states," which means party states other than the home state that have adopted the Compact. Mr. Meservey understands that this document is an Agreement subject to the Compact.
- 5. Ronald L. Meservey understands that he does not have to execute this Agreement and has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into the Consent Agreement.
- 6. This Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S.A. § 402 and will be available for inspection and copying by the public pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 408.
- 7. Modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
- 8. This Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by Mr. Meservey.
- 9. This Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, RONALD L. MESERVEY, R.N., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FORE-GOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THE EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON MY REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL 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: 5-4-66

RONALD L. MESERVEY, R.N.

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DATED: 5/5/0°

TERENCE M. HARRIGAN, Esq. Attorney for Ronald L. Meservey, R.N.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: May 12, 2009

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Executive Director

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DATED:

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