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IN RE: TERRY L. STAFFORD, R.N.)
of Bakersfield, CA)
License No. R053496)
CONSENT AGREEMENT
FOR REPRIMAND

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Terry L. Stafford'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 Consent Agreement are Terry L. Stafford ("Ms. Stafford"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties reached this Agreement on the basis of information submitted by MaineGeneral Medical Center ("MGMC") located in Augusta, Maine, dated November 27, 2007.

FACTS

1. Terry L. Stafford has been licensed to practice in Maine as a registered professional nurse since April 10, 2007.
2. Terry L. Stafford worked in MGMC's CCU as a traveling nurse. In the course of an investigation, it was discovered that Ms. Stafford committed a serious medication error. The investigation disclosed that a patient was admitted to MGMC with a diagnosis of atrial fibrillation on July 31, 2007. The physician ordered heparin therapy on July 31, 2007, prescribing a bolus dose administration to be followed by a continuous heparin infusion. Ms. Stafford was responsible for administering the prescribed heparin infusion. Ms. Stafford prepared a 500cc bag containing 25,000 units of heparin. Approximately one hour later, the infusion pump alarm went off indicating air in the infusion line. Ms. Stafford acknowledged that the entire 500cc bag containing 25,000 units of heparin had been infused into the patient. Ms. Stafford stated that she set the infusion rate at 50cc's per hour to deliver 2,500 units of heparin. The patient was given Protamine by IV and was discharged from the hospital on August 3, 2007, with no documented harm.

Ms. Stafford attributed the cause of the erroneous infusion rate to equipment failure. The Clinical Engineering Department at MGMC investigated the infusion pump and did not find that it was malfunctioning; the infusion pump was then sent to the manufacturer for further investigation of its log history. The manufacturer's findings show that the data from the log on the date of the medication error indicate that Channel B on the infusion pump, the channel in question, was programmed incorrectly at 500ml/hr. instead of the 50ml/hr. After the pump infused for almost an hour, Channel B alarmed for air in the line indicating the



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bag was empty. The conclusion reached from this investigation is that Ms. Stafford programmed the infusion pump incorrectly.

AGREEMENT

3. Terry L. Stafford understands that her conduct in the above-stated facts constitutes grounds for discipline under Title 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A (2) (F), (2) (H) and Chapter 4.1.A.6., 4.1.A.8. and Chapter 4.3.F. of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. Terry L. Stafford is hereby **REPRIMANDED** for unprofessional conduct because she failed to follow policies and procedures in a practice situation and she failed to follow an appropriate standard of nursing practice in medication administration designed to safeguard the patients.
4. This Consent 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.
5. Terry L. Stafford 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.
6. Terry L. Stafford affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
7. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all the parties.
8. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by Ms. Stafford.
9. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, TERRY L. STAFFORD, 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.

DATED: 7/28/08



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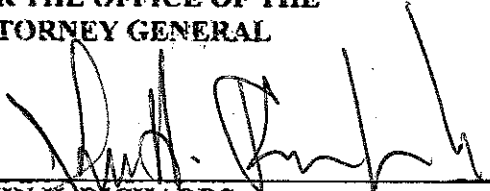
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