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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In re:)
 Rowena E. Staples) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**
 of Hartland, Maine) **REGARDING WARNING**
 License #P009455)

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Rowena E. Staples' license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine, entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A)(A) and 10 M.R.S.A. Section 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are: Rowena E. Staples, the Maine State Board of Nursing ("the Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine. This Consent Agreement arose out of an informal conference held on September 10, 1997 regarding a letter dated November 25, 1996 from Reita Smith, R.N., Director of Nursing Services, Sanfield Living Center.

FACTS

1. On October 23, 1996 Rowena Staples met with the Board for an informal conference arising from allegations concerning falsification of records. As a result of that informal conference, the Board decided to take no action.
2. Shortly thereafter, by letter dated November 25, 1996, the Board received another complaint regarding a documentation error by Ms. Staples.
3. Ms. Staples admits that she again made an error in documentation.
4. The occurrence of another documentation error following so soon after the Board's discussion with Ms. Staples regarding similar occurrences evidences Ms. Staples' carelessness and poor judgment.

AGREEMENT

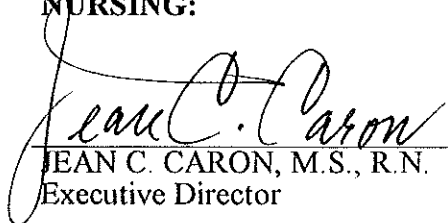
1. Ms. Staples' conduct in this matter constitutes grounds for discipline under 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(2)(E)(2). Ms. Staples is hereby **WARNED**. The Board agrees to take no further disciplinary action upon these facts.
2. Ms. Staples understands that this document is a Consent Agreement which constitutes disciplinary action and affects her license to practice nursing in Maine. This Consent Agreement may be amended only in writing, signed by all parties. Ms. Staples 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. Staples affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

DATED: 9/19/97


ROWENA E. STAPLES


**FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF
NURSING:**

DATED: 9/23/97


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

**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL:**

DATED: 9/24/97


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