

STATE OF MAINE BOARD OF NURSING 158 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0158

MYRA A. BROADWAY, J.D., M.S., R.N. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IN RE:	WILLIAM N. HUNTINGTON, JR.)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
	of Portland, Maine)	FOR VOLUNTARY
	License #R044283)	SURRENDER OF LICENSE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding William N. Huntington, Jr.'s license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Consent Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(C) and 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are William N. Huntington, Jr. ("Licensee"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties met in an informal conference on April 7, 2004. The parties reached this Agreement on the basis of information submitted by New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland ("New England"), Portland, Maine by complaint dated September 15, 2004.

FACTS

- 1. William N. Huntington, Jr. has been a registered professional nurse for 15 years, licensed to practice in Maine since 1999.
- 2. New England terminated Mr. Huntington, Jr. because of insufficient documentation of narcotic administration, which is more fully described in Exhibit A.
- 3. William N. Huntington, Jr. claims that during the period of time that the narcotic discrepancies occurred he was having personal problems in a relationship and that he was "stressed out." Mr. Huntington Jr. denies that he diverted any narcotics and attributes the discrepancies to poor documentation.
- 4. William N. Huntington, Jr. has offered to surrender his registered professional nurse license.

AGREEMENT

5. The Maine State Board of Nursing will accept William N. Huntington, Jr.'s voluntary surrender of his registered professional nurse license.



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- 6. William N. Huntington, Jr. understands that this document imposes discipline regarding his license to practice professional nursing in the State of Maine and the above- described conduct constitutes grounds for discipline under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(E)(1), A(2)(F) and A(2)(H) and Chapter 4.1.A.5.a., 4.1.A.6., and 4.3.K. (inaccurate recording) of the Rule and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing.
- 7. William N. Huntington, Jr. agrees and understands that the Board will continue to investigate the allegations of drug diversion and reserves the right to take further disciplinary action regarding these allegations.
- 8. William N. Huntington, Jr. may petition the Board for reinstatement of his license. Mr. Huntington, Jr. agrees and understands that his license will not be reinstated until and unless the Board, upon Mr. Huntington, Jr.'s written request, votes to reinstate Mr. Huntington, Jr.'s license. In the event that Mr. Huntington, Jr.'s registered professional nurse license is reinstated, it will be for a probationary period with conditions.
- 9. William N. Huntington, Jr. shall not work or volunteer, in any capacity, for a health care provider as defined by Title 24 M.R.S.A. § 2502 (2) or in any position holding himself out as a registered professional nurse or with the designation, R.N. while his nursing license is surrendered. In addition, Mr. Huntington, Jr. is not to seek employment where the handling or dispensing of drugs is part of the job responsibility.
- 10. William N. Huntington, Jr. understands that he does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that he has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into this Consent Agreement.
- 11. William N. Huntington, Jr. affirms that he executes this Consent Agreement of his own free will.
- 12. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
- 13. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.

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

I, WILLIAM N. HUNTINGTON, JR., 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: 5 12 05

WILLIAM N. HUNTINGTON, JR.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

MYRA A. BROADWAY, J.D., M.S., R.N.

Executive Director

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED:

JOHN H. RICHARDS

Assistant Attorney General

New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland

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September 15, 2004

Ms. Myra Broadway
Executive Director
Maine State Board of Nursing
24 Stone Street
158 State House Station
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Dear Ms. Broadway,

This is to inform you that William Huntington, RN, has been terminated from New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland, effective July 26, 2004. Mr. Huntington was terminated for insufficient documentation of narcotic administration. This insufficient documentation came to light after a routine, random audit revealed that the withdrawal of narcotics from our Pyxis machines, specifically oxycodone, by Mr. Huntington were significantly higher than the next highest user. Chart reviews, completed by our Pharmacist and Nurse Manager, compared the drugs removed from the Pyxis to what was documented on the patients Medication Administration Records (MAR). There was a discrepancy between the doses removed and those documented as administered to several patients over the course of several months. This discrepancy totaled 216 doses.

Upon questioning, Mr. Huntington felt that he had perhaps forgotten to chart these medications on the MAR. As that is non compliant with our policy and procedure, we felt we must terminate his employment.

Our Director of Pharmacy has completed an investigation and has submitted a DEA 106 report to the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Board of Pharmacy and the Department of Health, Division of Licensing and Certification.

Please feel free to call me at 207-879-8485 with any questions or if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Glidden, RN, CRRN

Director of Nursing

Ce: S. Moulton, Director of Pharmacy Human Resources, employee file

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