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IN RE: **SHERRY A. VALENTE, R.N.**) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**
 of Hiram, Maine) **FOR REINSTATEMENT**
 License #R028749) **AND PROBATION**

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Sherry A. Valente’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. § 2105A(1A)(B), 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(A-1)(4) and 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B). A meeting was held on October 3, 2002. The parties to this Consent Agreement are Sherry A. Valente, Maine State Board of Nursing (“Board”) and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine.

FACTS

1. The Board received a letter on August 16, 2000 from Sherry A. Valente offering to surrender her registered professional nursing license because she was in recovery for substance abuse. On December 6, 2000, the Board entered into a Consent Agreement with Ms. Valente accepting her voluntary surrender.
2. The Board finds that Ms. Valente has complied with the terms and conditions of the Consent Agreement dated December 6, 2000.
3. Sherry A. Valente has been substance free for 17 months and is currently in treatment that consists of substance abuse counseling once per month and attending AA three times per week.

REINSTATEMENT WITH CONDITIONS OF PROBATION

4. Sherry A. Valente’s license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine is reinstated on a probationary status with conditions. The period of probation will be for a period of three years from the effective date of this Consent Agreement. Ms. Valente’s probationary license will be subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Sherry A. Valente will abstain completely from the use of alcohol or drugs, with the exception of substances used in accordance with a valid prescription from a physician who is aware of Ms. Valente’s substance abuse history.



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b. Sherry A. Valente will continue in her aftercare treatment program for drug abuse and addiction to such an extent and for as long as recommended by her treatment providers. Ms. Valente will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports from her treatment providers. In addition, Ms. Valente agrees and understands that the Board shall have access to any and all medical records and all otherwise confidential or medically privileged information pertaining to her treatment and therapy which the Board deems necessary to evaluate Ms. Valente's compliance with this Consent Agreement and her continued recovery.

Ms. Valente shall provide such information, shall authorize any release of such records and information, and shall authorize any such discussions and communications with any and all persons involved in her care as may be requested by the Board for the purpose of evaluating Ms. Valente's compliance with this Consent Agreement.

c. Sherry A. Valente will immediately notify the Board in writing when she returns to nursing employment or an educational program in the field of nursing during the period of probation. Notice under this section shall include the place and position of employment or the educational program and any change in employment or educational programs.

d. Sherry A. Valente will notify any and all of her nursing employers and notify faculty involved in any clinical studies of the terms of this Consent Agreement and shall provide them with a copy of it.

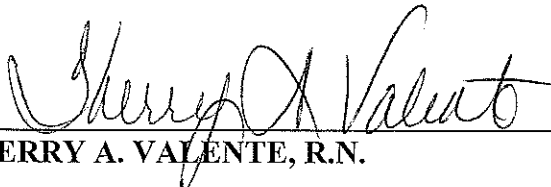
e. Sherry A. Valente will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports from her nursing employer or clinical faculty regarding her nursing practice.

5. Sherry A. Valente agrees and understands that her license will remain on probationary status and subject to the terms of this Consent Agreement indefinitely beyond the three year probationary period, until and unless the Board, at Ms. Valente's written request, votes to terminate Ms. Valente's probation. When considering whether to terminate the probation, the Board will consider the extent to which Ms. Valente has complied with the provisions of this Consent Agreement.
6. Sherry A. Valente understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. Valente 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.
7. Sherry A. Valente affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
8. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.

9. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
10. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, SHERRY A. VALENTE, 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: 11/4/02



SHERRY A. VALENTE, R.N.

**FOR THE MAINE STATE
BOARD OF NURSING**

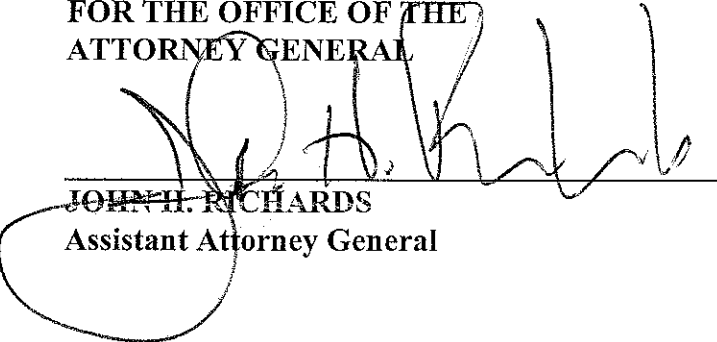
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**FOR THE OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

DATED: 11/6/02



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