BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE NO. )
#R16563 ) ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION )
) )
Issued to: ) )
Mary Ellen B. Allen ) )
To practice professional nursing ) )
in the State of Maine )
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WHEREAS, on September 14, 1989, License No. #R16563, issued to Mary Ellen Allen, was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Ms. Allen's compliance with the conditions of said probation at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on October 2, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Ms. Allen has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation issued September 14, 1989 is hereby terminated.

DATED this 2nd day of October, 1991.

MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Jean C. Caron, R.N., M.S.
Executive Director

cc: Timothy W. Collier, Assistant Attorney General
In re:
Mary Ellen B. Allen, R.N. ) CONSENT AGREEMENT
of Brewer, Maine ) REGARDING PROBATIONARY
) STATUS OF LICENSURE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Mary Ellen B.
Allen's license to practice professional nursing in the State of
Maine, entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section
2105-A(1-A)(C) (1988). The parties to this Consent Agreement
are: Mary Ellen B. Allen, R.N., the Maine State Board of Nursing
("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

By letter dated July 18, 1989, Mary Ellen B. Allen was advised by
the Board that it had received a letter from Mary B. Williams,
R.N., Vice President for Patient Care, Eastern Maine Medical
Center, alleging diversion of drugs from the Eastern Maine
Medical Center in Bangor, Maine. Ms. Allen responded to the
Board's letter on July 27, 1989. Subsequently, the Board
requested that Ms. Allen attend an informal conference pursuant
to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A). At the informal conference
held on September 14, 1989, Ms. Allen was present and represented
by her attorney, Charles W. March, Esq.

FINDINGS OF FACT

As a result of the informal conference, the Board made the
following findings of fact:

1. Ms. Allen admitted to diverting Demerol to her own use.
2. There is no indication of patient harm due to her
diversion.
3. Ms. Allen has completed the Nightingale Rehabilitation
Program for nurses who are chemically dependent.
4. Ms. Allen has been substance free since July 7, 1989.
5. There is no prior history of substance abuse.
6. Ms. Allen is actively involved in aftercare and support
groups.
7. Ms. Allen has a good support system.

COVENANTS

Based on the above findings of fact, the Board voted to place Ms. Allen's license on a probationary status for two years commencing on September 14, 1989 and agreed to the following terms and conditions:

1. Ms. Allen shall remain substance free.


3. Ms. Allen shall arrange for quarterly reports to be submitted to the Board by her substance abuse counselor responsible for the aftercare treatment.

4. Ms. Allen shall arrange for her nurse employer(s) to send quarterly reports to the Board regarding her performance.

5. Ms. Allen shall share this Consent Agreement with her nurse employer(s).

6. Ms. Allen hereby waives all claims of confidentiality and privilege she may have regarding reports to be submitted to the Board in accordance with this Consent Agreement.

DATED: 10/4/89

BY: MARY ELLEN B. ALLEN, R.N.

DATED: 9-27-89

BY: CHARLES W. MARCH, ESQ.

DATED: 10/5/89

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING:

BY: JEAN C. CARON, R.N.
Executive Director

DATED: 10-10-89

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

BY: JAMES D. BIVINS
Assistant Attorney General Counsel to the Board