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

BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE NO.)
 R045443 ISSUED TO:)

MELINDA A. ARMSTRONG)

To practice registered professional)
 nursing in the State of Maine)

ORDER TERMINATING
 PROBATION

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2004, License No. R045443 issued to Melinda A. Armstrong was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

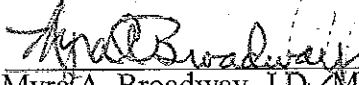
WHEREAS, on March 2, 2006, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Melinda A. Armstrong's compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

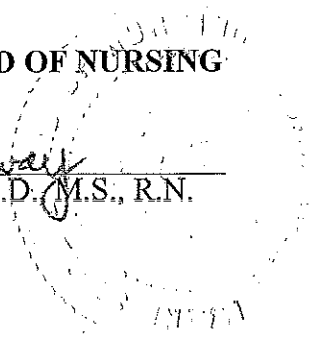
WHEREAS, the Board found that Melinda A. Armstrong has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation executed on February 2, 2004 is hereby terminated.

DATED this 17th day of March 2006.

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BY: 
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IN RE: **MELINDA A. WHITE**)
 of Portland, Maine)
 License #R045443) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**
FOR REINSTATEMENT
AND PROBATION

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Melinda A. White's license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(A-1)(4), 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B) and 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Melinda A. White ("Licensee"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The Board met with Ms. White on December 11, 2003, regarding her petition for reinstatement of her registered professional nurse license.

FACTS

1. Melinda A. White voluntarily surrendered her registered professional nurse license and entered a Consent Agreement with the Board on December 20, 2002, attached and marked as Exhibit A.
2. Melinda A. White has successfully completed the Talbot in-patient substance abuse program and continues aftercare with an addictionologist. As of December 11, 2003 her urine tests have been reported as negative. Ms. White attends A.A. and N.A. meeting and has a sponsor. She also attends the Caduceus Group, which is a support group for health professionals. On December 11, 2003, Ms. White has been substance free for 16 months.

REINSTATEMENT WITH CONDITIONS OF PROBATION

3. Melinda A. White'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 commence on Ms. White's return to nursing practice, either through employment or pursuant to an educational program. The period of probation will be for a period of two years, to be effective only while she is employed in nursing practice or enrolled in a nursing education program. For purposes of this Agreement, nursing employment is any employment during which Ms. White performs nursing services. Ms. White's probationary license will be subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Melinda White will abstain completely from the use of alcohol, and illicit drugs, with the exception of prescribed medications by her physician who is aware of Ms. White's substance abuse history.



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- b. Melinda White will continue in A.A., N.A. and an aftercare treatment program to such an extent and for as long as her treatment providers recommend.
 - c. Melinda White will arrange for and ensure the submission of quarterly reports to the Board by her treatment providers during the probationary period.
 - d. Melinda White will immediately notify the Board in writing should she return to employment or an educational program in the field of nursing. Notice under this section shall include the place and position of employment or the educational program and any subsequent change in employment or educational program.
 - e. Melinda White 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.
 - f. Melinda White will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports from her nursing employer regarding her nursing practice.
4. Melinda A. White agrees and understands that the Board and the Department of Attorney General shall have access to any and all medical records and all otherwise confidential or medically privileged information pertaining to her treatment for substance abuse which the Board deems necessary to evaluate Ms. White's compliance with the Consent Agreement and her continued recovery. Ms. White shall provide such information, shall authorize the release of such records and information, and shall authorize any such discussions and communications with any and all persons involved in her care, counseling and employment as may be requested by the Board for the purpose of evaluating Ms. White's compliance with the Consent Agreement and her continued recovery.
 5. Melinda A. White agrees and understands that if any member of the Board or the Board's Executive Director receives reasonably reliable information suggesting that Ms. White has not remained substance free in accordance with the Consent Agreement, Ms. White's license will be immediately and automatically suspended pending further review by the Board. In the event any member of the Board or its Executive Director receives such information, the information will be immediately forwarded to Ms. White for a response. Ms. White agrees and understands that in such event, her license shall remain suspended pending a hearing. The Board shall hold a hearing within 60 days of the automatic suspension unless both the Licensee and the Board agree to hold the hearing later, or the Executive Director and/or the Department of the Attorney General earlier determine that such information is without merit. If the information received is proven to be inaccurate or incorrect, either through hearing or determination by the Executive Director and/or the Department of the Attorney General, Ms. White's license will be immediately reinstated retroactive to the date of suspension.

6. Melinda A. White agrees and understands that her license will remain on probationary status and subject to the terms of this Agreement indefinitely beyond the two year probationary period, until and unless the Board, at Ms. White's written request, votes to terminate Ms. White's probation. When considering whether to terminate the probation, the Board will consider the extent to which Ms. White has complied with the provisions of this Agreement.
7. Melinda White understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. White 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.
8. If Ms. White fails to meet any of the obligations of this Consent Agreement, the Board may take any disciplinary action, which it deems appropriate and impose any of the sanctions, including but not limited to that found in Title 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003 and Title 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A.
9. Melinda White affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
10. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
11. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
12. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

**I, MELINDA A. WHITE, 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.**

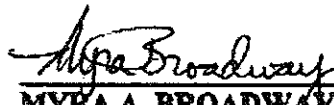
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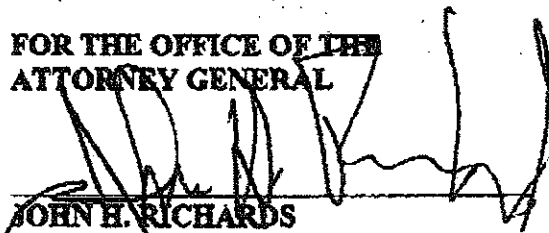
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FOR THE OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: Feb. 2, 2004



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