In re: Blanche B. Belliveau of Saco, Maine License #RM46643

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR WARNING & FINE

Case 2014-166

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to title 32, Chapter 31, the Maine State Legislature endowed the Board with the power and duty to regulate the practice of nurses licensed by the Board, including issuing licenses and investigating complaints. Pursuant to 10 M.R.S. §8008, the Legislature provided that the sole purpose of the Board is to "protect the public health and welfare" and that "other goals or objectives may not supersede this purpose."

This document is a Consent Agreement ("Agreement") regarding Blanche B. Belliveau's license to practice nursing in the State of Maine. The parties to this Agreement are Blanche B. Belliveau, the Maine State Board of Nursing ("the Board"), and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §2105-A (1-A)(A), 10 M.R.S. §8003 (5)(A-1)(1), 8003 (5)(A-1)(3) and 8003 (5)(B) in order to resolve Case 2014-166.

FACTS


2. Blanche Belliveau continued to provide nursing services for the Waynflete School after her license had expired. Blanche Belliveau had been working for this employer since 2009.

3. An individual practicing nursing as a nurse during the time the individual’s license has lapsed is considered an illegal practitioner and is subject to the penalties provided for violations of Title 32, Chapter 31, Section 2106 (3).

4. On August 18, 2014, Blanche Belliveau sought reinstatement of her license and submitted the required filings.

5. On August 19, 2014, the Board initiated Case 2014-166 against Blanche Belliveau for continuing to work as a nurse without a license.

6. In the absence of an agreement, the Board could impose, subsequent to adjudicatory proceedings, findings beyond those contained above and also impose greater adverse action including fines, suspension or probation of Blanche Belliveau’s license.

AGREEMENT

7. Blanche Belliveau admits to the Facts as stated above and admits that such conduct constitutes grounds for the Board to impose discipline against her Maine nursing license under the following laws and regulations:

32 M.R.S. §2105-A(2)(H) for violation of a rule adopted by the Board; and
Board Rules Chapter 4, §2(A)(3) for practicing as an RN while no longer being licensed to do so.

8. As discipline for the violations admitted to in paragraph 7 above, Blanche Belliveau agrees that she will receive a WARNING and a FINE of $500.00 related to the above stated conduct.

9. The parties agree that Blanche Belliveau’s request for reinstatement of license shall be granted with the following conditions.

   A. Blanche Belliveau shall pay a FINE in the amount of $500.00.

   B. Blanche Belliveau shall pay a reinstatement fee of $10.00 in addition to the renewal fee of $75.00.

   C. Blanche Belliveau understands and agrees that if in the future she practices nursing without a valid license, the Board may consider the facts set forth herein to deny reinstatement and the State of Maine may pursue any and all penalties provided by law against Blanche Belliveau for unlicensed practice.

10. Blanche Belliveau waives her right to an adjudicatory hearing before the Board or any court regarding all facts, terms and conditions of this Agreement. Blanche Belliveau agrees that this Agreement is a final order resolving Case 2014-166.

11. The Board and the Attorney General may communicate and cooperate regarding Blanche Belliveau’s practice or any other matter relating to this Agreement.

12. This Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S. §408-A.

13. This Agreement constitutes adverse action and is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).

14. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to affect any right or interest of any person not a party hereto.

15. For the purpose of this Agreement, the term “execution” means that date on which the final signature is affixed to this Agreement. Blanche Belliveau acknowledges by her signature hereof that she has read this Agreement, that she has executed this Agreement of her own free will, and that she agrees to abide by all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

DATED: 8/19/14

BLANCHE B. BELLIVEAU

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: Aug 20, 2014

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

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 8/20/14

RONALD O. GUAY, Assistant Attorney General