



Maine State Board of Nursing

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In re:)
Anne Bettina Bouffard, R.N.) CONSENT AGREEMENT
of Rumford, Maine) REGARDING VOLUNTARY
SURRENDER OF LICENSE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Anne Bettina Bouffard'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: Anne Bettina Bouffard, R.N., the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

By letter dated April 10, 1989, Anne Bettina Bouffard was advised by the Board that it had received a letter from Owen R. Colomb, Special Investigator, Department of the Attorney General, alleging diversion of drugs from the Cozy Inn Nursing Home in Rumford, Maine. Ms. Bouffard responded to the Board's letter through her attorney on April 19, 1989 and May 19, 1989. Subsequently, the Board requested that Ms. Bouffard attend an informal conference pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A). At the informal conference held on June 23, 1989, Ms. Bouffard was present and represented by her attorney, Jeffrey R. Burns, Esq.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Ms. Bouffard admitted diverting approximately 2,500 tablets of Darvocet during the period between July 1, 1988 and March 24, 1989 from the Cozy Inn Nursing Home where she was employed.
2. There is no evidence of harm to patients as a result of Ms. Bouffard's conduct.
3. Ms. Bouffard has not had a long documented history of substance abuse.

4. Ms. Bouffard successfully completed an in-patient residential treatment program for drug abuse at St. Mary's Chemical Dependency Program in Lewiston, Maine beginning on April 11, 1989 and ending on May 2, 1989.
5. Ms. Bouffard presently attends three meetings of AA, NA or CA per week, is receiving counseling from Robert DeWolf of Rumford Community Hospital, and has a very active support system.
6. Ms. Bouffard has been substance free since April 5, 1989.

COVENANTS

Based on the above findings of fact, the Board voted to accept Ms. Bouffard's voluntary surrender of her license for one year commencing on April 5, 1989 and agreed to the following terms and conditions for reinstatement:

1. Ms. Bouffard shall remain substance free.
2. Ms. Bouffard shall continue with her aftercare treatment until released by her substance abuse counselor.
3. Ms. Bouffard shall arrange for quarterly reports to be submitted to the Board by her substance abuse counselor responsible for the aftercare treatment.
4. Ms. Bouffard shall continue attending self-help meetings at least three times a week.
5. Ms. Bouffard 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.
6. After April 5, 1990, Ms. Bouffard may apply for reinstatement of her license. Ms. Bouffard understands and accepts that the Board may condition any license given to her at that time.

DATED: 7/25/89

BY: Anne Bettina Bouffard
ANNE BETTINA BOUFFARD

DATED: _____

BY: Jeffery R. Burns
JEFFERY R. BURNS, ESQ.

FOR THE MAINE STATE
BOARD OF NURSING:

DATED: 8/8/89

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

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL:

DATED: 8/8/89

BY: Lou Ann Clifford
LOU ANN CLIFFORD
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