BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE RN27271 ISSUED TO:
KELLEY BUNKER-TAYLOR

ORDER TERMINATING
PROBATION

To practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2007, License #R027271 [RN27271] issued to Kelley Bunker-Taylor was placed on “probation” pursuant to 32 M.R.S. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2012 the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Kelley Bunker-Taylor's compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Kelley Bunker-Taylor has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation executed on September 27, 2007 is hereby terminated.

DATED this 20th day of September, 2012.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

BY: 
Myra A. Broadway, JD, MS, RN
Executive Director
IN RE: KELLEY BUNKER-TAYLOR, R.N. ) CONSENT AGREEMENT
of Ellsworth, Maine ) FOR LICENSE PROBATION
License No. R027271 ) WITH CONDITIONS

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Kelley Bunker-Taylor’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. § 2105-A(1-A)(B) and 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Kelley Bunker-Taylor (“Licensee” or “Ms. Bunker-Taylor”), Maine State Board of Nursing (“Board”) and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. An informal conference was held on August 16, 2007. The parties reached this Consent Agreement based on a Complaint or Provider Report dated August 24, 2006, submitted by KidsPeace National Centers (“KidsPeace”) Ellsworth, Maine.

FACTS

1. Kelley Bunker-Taylor has been a registered professional nurse licensed to practice in Maine since 1984.

2. Kelley Bunker-Taylor was employed at KidsPeace for 14½ years. On July 3, 2006, then employed as the Nurse Manager for KidsPeace’s Graham Lake Campus, Ms. Bunker-Taylor admitted that she had falsified a patient’s Medication Administration Record and diverted 6 controlled substances (Vicodin) for her own personal use. There was no documented patient harm.

3. Kelley Bunker-Taylor admits that she has a substance abuse problem and voluntarily entered the Intensive Outpatient Program at the Recovery Center at Mercy Hospital for 11 sessions, beginning on July 18, 2006 and completing the program on July 29, 2006. Ms. Bunker-Taylor currently sees a therapist once a week, attends NA or AA twice a week, is working through the 12 step program, has established a network of sober support, attends church and has been sober for approximately 15 months.

AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS OF PROBATION

5. Kelley Bunker-Taylor’s license as a registered professional nursing in the State of Maine is placed on a probationary status with conditions. The period of probation will commence on Ms. Bunker-Taylor’s return to nursing practice, either through employment and/or pursuant to an educational program. The period of probation will be for a period of five years, to be effective only while she is employed in nursing practice and/or enrolled in a nursing education program. For purposes of this Agreement, nursing employment is any employment during which Ms. Bunker-Taylor performs nursing services. Ms. Bunker-Taylor’s probationary license will be subject to the following conditions:

a. Kelley Bunker-Taylor will abstain completely from the use of alcohol or drugs, with the exception of substances used in accordance with a valid prescription from a treatment provider who is aware of Ms. Bunker-Taylor’s substance abuse history.

b. Kelley Bunker-Taylor will continue in her aftercare treatment program to such an extent and for as long as her treatment providers recommend.

c. Kelley Bunker-Taylor will arrange for and ensure the submission of quarterly reports to the Board by her treatment providers, and such report shall continue until her probation is terminated. If Ms. Bunker-Taylor’s treatment is terminated she shall notify the Board.

d. Kelley Bunker-Taylor will immediately notify the Board in writing should she return to employment and/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 programs.

e. Kelley Bunker-Taylor 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. Kelley Bunker-Taylor will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports from her nursing employer and/or clinical faculty regarding her general nursing practice. If during the period of probation, Ms. Bunker-Taylor’s employment as a nurse terminates or should her educational program in the field of nursing terminate, she shall notify the Board of this change to ensure that she remains in compliance with her employment and/or educational quarterly reports.

g. Kelley Bunker-Taylor 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. Bunker-Taylor’s compliance with the Consent Agreement and her continued recovery. Ms. Bunker-Taylor 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. Bunker-Taylor’s compliance with the Consent Agreement and her continued recovery.

6. The State of Maine is Kelley Bunker-Taylor’s home state of licensure. Ms. Bunker-Taylor agrees that during the pendency of this Consent Agreement her nursing practice may be limited to the State of Maine. If Ms. Bunker-Taylor wishes to practice in any other party state within the Compact she shall petition the Board for written authorization. In addition, Ms. Bunker-Taylor will arrange to have the party state in which she intends to practice provide the Board with written authorization that she has been approved to practice in that state.

7. Kelley Bunker-Taylor’s employment is restricted during the period of probation to structured settings with on-site supervision by another registered professional nurse. Structured settings shall not include assignments from temporary employment agencies, school nursing, working as a traveling nurse or working within the correctional system.

8. Kelley Bunker-Taylor agrees and understands that her license will remain on probationary status and subject to the terms of this Agreement indefinitely beyond the five year probationary period, until and unless the Board, at Ms. Bunker-Taylor’s written request, votes to terminate Ms. Bunker-Taylor’s probation. When considering whether to terminate the probation, the Board will consider the extent to which Ms. Bunker-Taylor has complied with the provisions of this Agreement.

9. Ms. Bunker-Taylor understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine and party states in the Nurse Licensure Compact. Ms. Bunker-Taylor 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.

10. If Ms. Bunker-Taylor 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.
11. Kelley Bunker-Taylor affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

12. Modification of this Consent Agreement must in writing and signed by all the parties.

13. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.

14. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, KELLEY BUNKER-TAYLOR, 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: 9-17-07

KELLEY BUNKER-TAYLOR, R.N.

DATED: 9/27/07

WILLIAM B. COTE, ESQ.
Attorney for Kelley Bunker-Taylor

DATED: Sept 27, 2007

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

FOR THE MAINE STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: 9/27/07

JOHN H. RICHARDS
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ATTORNEY GENERAL