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BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE)	
RN36512 ISSUED TO:)	
)	ORDER TERMINATING
MARY E. COOPER)	
)	PROBATION
To practice registered professional)	
nursing in the State of Maine)	

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2006, License #R036512 [RN36512] issued to Mary E. Cooper was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2013 the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Mary E. Cooper's compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Mary E. Cooper has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation executed on July 18, 2006 is hereby terminated.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2013.

**FOR THE MAINE STATE
BOARD OF NURSING**

BY: *Myra Broadway*
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IN RE: **MARY E. COOPER**) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**
 of Gorham, Maine) **FOR REINSTATEMENT**
 License #R036512) **AND PROBATION**

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Mary E. Cooper's license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Consent Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(B), 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(A-1)(4) and 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B). The Board met with Ms. Cooper on June 7, 2006 regarding her request for reinstatement of her nursing license. The parties to this Consent Agreement are Mary E. Cooper ("Licensee"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine.

FACTS

1. Mary E. Cooper entered into a Consent Agreement dated January 6, 2003 for a voluntary revocation of her registered professional nurse license, which is attached and marked as Exhibit A.
2. Mary E. Cooper remains in treatment and counseling.
3. The parties agree to enter into this Consent Agreement to reinstate Ms. Cooper's registered professional nurse license for a term of probation with conditions.

REINSTATEMENT WITH CONDITIONS OF PROBATION

4. Mary E. Cooper'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. Cooper'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. Cooper performs nursing services. Ms. Cooper's probationary license will be subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Mary E. Cooper will continue in treatment and counseling to such an extent and for as long as recommended by her treatment provider(s).



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- b. Mary E. Cooper will arrange for and ensure the submission of quarterly reports to the Board by her treatment provider(s). If Ms. Cooper has completed her treatment and counseling during the term of this Consent Agreement, Ms. Cooper will arrange and ensure that the Board receives the necessary documentation from her treatment provider(s) that treatment and counseling has been completed.
- c. Mary E. Cooper 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 programs.
- d. Mary E. Cooper 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.
- e. Mary E. Cooper will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports from her nursing employer or clinical faculty regarding her general nursing practice and conduct.
- f. Mary E. Cooper 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 which the Board deems necessary to evaluate Ms. Cooper's compliance with the Consent Agreement. Ms. Cooper 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. Cooper's compliance with the Consent Agreement.
5. The State of Maine is Mary E. Cooper's home state of licensure. Except as provided further in this paragraph, Ms. Cooper agrees that during the pendency of this Consent Agreement her nursing practice is limited to the State of Maine. If Ms. Cooper wishes to practice in any other party state within the compact she shall petition the Board for written authorization. In addition, Ms. Cooper will arrange to have the party state she intends to practice in, to provide the Board with written authorization that she has been approved to practice in that state.
6. Mary E. Cooper 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. Cooper's written request, votes to terminate Ms. Cooper's probation. When considering whether to terminate the probation, the Board will consider the extent to which Ms. Cooper has complied with the provisions of this Agreement.
7. Mary E. Cooper understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. Cooper 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. Mary E. Cooper affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
9. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
10. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, MARY E. COOPER, 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: 7/5/06

Mary E. Cooper
MARY E. COOPER

DATED: 7/8/06

Paul M. Boots
PAUL M. BOOTS, ESQ.
Attorney for Mary E. Cooper

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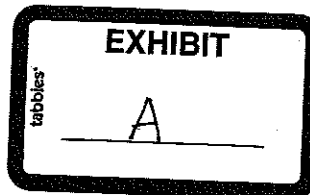
DATED: July 17, 2006

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

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: July 18, 2006

John H. Richards
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Assistant Attorney General



IN RE: **MARY E. COOPER, R.N.**)
of Gorham, Maine)
License #R036512)
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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
FOR VOLUNTARY
REVOCATION OF
LICENSE**

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Mary E. Cooper's license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Consent Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B) and 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A) and (2). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Mary E. Cooper, Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties reached this Agreement in lieu of an adjudicatory hearing based on the following agreed facts:

FACTS

1. Mary E. Cooper has been licensed by the Board to practice professional nursing in Maine since 1993.
2. Mary E. Cooper's professional registered nurse license was summarily suspended on February 12, 2003 pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. § 10004(1) and (3).
3. On November 12, 2002, in State of Maine v. Mary Cooper, Maine Superior Court, Cumberland County, Docket No. 02-1978, Mary E. Cooper was found guilty on two counts (1 & 2) of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Class D crimes, 17-A M.R.S.A. § 554 (1) (B) and three counts (3, 4 & 5) of Unlawfully Furnishing Scheduled Drugs, Class D crimes, 17-A M.R.S.A. § 1106. On Counts 1 and 2, Ms. Cooper was sentenced to two 60-day consecutive sentences. On Counts 3, 4 and 5, Ms. Cooper was sentenced to three one-year consecutive sentences. It was further ordered that as to Counts 3, 4 and 5, all but 30 days was suspended; that the 30 days was to be served consecutively with Counts 1 and 2 and that Ms. Cooper would be placed on probation for a period of three years. Exhibit 1 and 2.
4. During the course of the criminal activity described in Paragraph #3, Mary E. Cooper was employed as a school nurse at Narragansett School, Gorham, Maine, where she was expected to render professional nursing services to children. Although Ms. Cooper's criminal activity did not occur at her work place, her actions in providing illicit drugs to minors is determined by the Board to be a basis for unprofessional conduct by a licensed professional nurse. In addition, Ms. Cooper was engaged in a sexual relationship with her 14-year-old daughter's

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18-year-old boyfriend. The Board determined that Ms. Cooper's conduct evidences inappropriate boundary issues and serious errors in judgment that have compromised her competence as a professional registered nurse.

5. Mary E. Cooper is currently in treatment with a clinical psychologist.
6. Mary E. Cooper has agreed to a voluntary revocation of her license as a registered professional nurse.

AGREEMENT

7. Mary E. Cooper agrees and understands, that based upon the above stated facts the voluntary revocation of her professional registered nurse license, license No. R036512 will be for a minimum period of two years, ending on November 12, 2005. Ms. Cooper also agrees to pay the expenses incurred by the Board in this matter in the amount of \$1,550.00. Payment in full shall be made prior to November 12, 2005.
8. Mary E. Cooper understands that this document imposes discipline regarding her license to practice professional nursing in the State of Maine under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(E)(1), (2)(F), (2)(G), (2)(H) and Chapter 4, sections 1(A)(5)(A), 1(A)(6) and 1(A)(7) of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing.
9. Mary E. Cooper understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that affects her rights to practice professional nursing in Maine. Ms. Cooper understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering the Consent Agreement.
10. Mary E. Cooper agrees and understands that her license will remain revoked and subject to the terms of this Consent Agreement indefinitely beyond the two year revocation period, until and unless the Board, at Ms. Cooper's written request, votes to reinstate Ms. Cooper's license. When considering whether to reinstate Ms. Cooper's license, the Board will consider the extent to which Ms. Cooper has complied with the provisions of this Consent Agreement.
11. If Ms. Cooper 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.
12. Ms. Cooper agrees and understands that when she petitions the Board for reinstatement of her license, it will be for a probationary period.

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Probation may run for such time period as the Board determines appropriate. Probation may include conditions such as: continuing education; medical, psychiatric or mental health consultations or evaluations; mandatory professional or occupational supervision; and other conditions as the Board determines appropriate. Costs incurred in the performance of the terms of probation are borne by Ms Cooper.

13. Ms. Cooper understands and agrees that as a condition of reinstatement of her registered professional nursing license she will continue treatment and counseling to such an extent and for as long as recommended by her treatment providers.
14. Mary E. Cooper shall not work or volunteer, in any capacity, for a health care provider as defined by Title 24 M.R.S.A. § 2502 (2) or in any position holding herself out as a registered professional nurse or with the designation, R.N. including, in a veterinarian's office, while her nursing license is surrendered. In addition, Ms. Cooper is not to seek employment where the handling or dispensing of drugs is part of the job responsibility.
15. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
16. Mary E. Cooper affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
17. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee, but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
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DATED: 12/10/03



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DATED: 12/1/03



PAUL M. BOOTS, ESQ.
Attorney for Mary E. Cooper

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: 1/18/04



JEANNE B. DELICATA, RNC
Chair, Maine State Board of Nursing

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 1/6/03



JOHN H. RICHARDS
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