



MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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In re:)
Roberta R. Dalton)
of Bath, ME)

) CONSENT AGREEMENT AND
) ORDER REGARDING VOLUNTARY
) SURRENDER OF LICENSE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement and Order regarding Roberta R. Dalton'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)(B)(C) and 10 M.R.S.A. Section 8003(5)(A-1)(4). The parties to this Consent Agreement and Order are: Roberta R. Dalton, R.N., the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Licensee admits to not having been honest with the Board regarding her substance abuse problem.
2. Licensee violated the terms of her Consent Agreement of March, 1990 by not remaining substance free.
3. Licensee voluntarily surrendered her license.
4. Licensee has had two positive urine tests for substances in November of 1990.
5. Licensee has criminal charges pending regarding her obtaining drugs through deception.
6. Licensee is in counseling one time a week.
7. Licensee has an active support group.
8. Licensee speaks with her support sponsor daily.
9. Licensee voluntarily terminated her employment at Fellowship House.

COVENANTS

Based on the above findings of fact, the Board voted to accept the surrender of Ms. Dalton's license and finds that she has violated 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(2)(B) and suspends Ms. Dalton's license for a period of three years upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Licensee shall remain substance free.
2. Licensee shall arrange for quarterly reports to be submitted to the Board from her substance abuse counselor.
3. Licensee shall continue treatment as long as her counselor requires that treatment to continue.
4. Licensee shall continue with her support group.
5. Licensee shall not be employed in health care.
6. Licensee is responsible to have her counselor inform the Board of any positives on any urine tests.
7. Licensee may petition the Board after three years for reinstatement of her license.
8. The burden of proof regarding sufficient rehabilitation to warrant the public trust rests with the licensee.
9. Licensee 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.
10. Licensee shall notify the Board of any prescriptions obtained by her for any controlled medications.
11. Licensee shall inform any treating physician or dentist of her addiction.
12. Licensee shall notify the Board of any change of address within 14 days of such change. Any failure by Licensee to comply with any term or condition of this Consent Agreement shall result in the automatic, immediate and permanent revocation of her license.

DATED: Jan 3, 1991

BY: Roberta R. Dalton
ROBERTA R. DALTON

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF
NURSING:

DATED: 1/14/91

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

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 1-16-91

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JAMES D. BIVINS
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