BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE NO. P007989 ISSUED TO: KAREN A. JANNELLE ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION

To practice practical nursing in the State of Maine

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2002, License No. P007989 issued to Karen A. Jannelle was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2007, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Karen A. Jannelle's compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Karen A. Jannelle has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation executed on June 6, 2002 is hereby terminated.

DATED this 19th day of June 2007.

MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

BY: Myra A. Broadway, J.D., M.S., R.N.
Executive Director

OFFICES LOCATED AT: 161 CAPITOL ST., AUGUSTA, ME http://www.main.gov/boardofnursing/
IN RE: KAREN A. JANNELLE, L.P.N. ) CONSENT AGREEMENT
of Litchfield, Maine ) FOR LICENSE PROBATION
License #P007989 ) WITH CONDITIONS

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Karen A. Jannelle’s license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(A-1)(4), 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B), and 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105A(1A)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Karen A. Jannelle (“Licensee”), Maine State Board of Nursing (“Board”) and the Office of Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties reached this Agreement following an informal conference held on April 11, 2002, based on information submitted by HealthReach, Community Health Centers, Waterville, Maine dated November 28, 2001.

FACTS

1. Karen A. Jannelle has been a licensed practical nurse licensed by the Board to practice in Maine since November 1983.

2. Karen A. Jannelle admits that she diverted drugs for her own use. During the summer of 2001, while working at HealthReach, Ms. Jannelle called in prescriptions for herself without a physician's order. Ms. Jannelle self-medicated because of anxiety and depression.

3. Karen A. Jannelle is currently under the care of her primary physician and is being treated for anxiety and depression. She is also attending a support group at MaineGeneral Medical Center for stress management.

4. Karen A. Jannelle is currently employed with Diversified Staffing and works with various providers on a per diem basis.
AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS OF PROBATION

5. Karen A. Jannelle agrees and understands that this document imposes discipline regarding her license to practice practical nursing and her conduct constitutes grounds for discipline under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(A), (2)(F) and (2)(H) and Chapter, 4(1)(A)(1), 4(1)(A)(6), and (4)(3)(Q) of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing.

6. Karen A. Jannelle’s license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maine will be placed on a probationary status with conditions. 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. Jannelle performs nursing services. Ms. Jannelle’s probationary license will be subject to the following conditions:

a. Karen A. Jannelle will continue in her treatment program to such an extent and for as long as her treatment providers recommend. She will notify the Board if she changes her primary physician.

b. Karen A. Jannelle will arrange for and ensure the submission of quarterly reports to the Board by her primary physician regarding her treatment for anxiety and depression.

c. Karen A. Jannelle will immediately notify the Board in writing of a change in her nursing employment or entry into 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 the same notice shall apply to any subsequent change in employment or change in educational programs.

d. Karen A. Jannelle 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. Karen A. Jannelle will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports from her nursing employer or clinical faculty regarding her nursing practice.

f. Karen A. Jannelle agrees and understands that the Board and the Office of the Attorney General shall have access to any and all medical records and all otherwise confidential or medically privileged information pertaining to her treatment for anxiety and depression which the Board deems necessary to evaluate Ms. Jannelle’s compliance with the Consent Agreement and her continued recovery. Ms. Jannelle 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. Jannelle's compliance with the Consent Agreement.

7. Karen A. Jannelle agrees and understands that her license will remain on probationary status and subject to the terms of this Consent Agreement indefinitely beyond the two year probationary period, until and unless the Board, at Ms. Jannelle's written request, votes to terminate Ms. Jannelle's probation.

8. Karen A. Jannelle understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. Jannelle 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.

9. If Ms. Jannelle 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.

10. Karen A. Jannelle affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

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

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

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

I, KAREN A. JANNELLE, L.P.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: 5/26/02

KAREN A. JANNELLE, L.P.N.
FOR THE MAINE STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: 6/4/02

MYRA A. BROADWAY, J.D., M.S., R.N.
Executive Director
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 6/8/02

JOHN H. RICHARDS
Assistant Attorney General