BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE R037481 ISSUED TO: STACEY L. MORSE
To practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine

ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2006, License #R037481 issued to Stacey L. Morse was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2010, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Stacey Morse's compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Stacey Morse has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation executed on February 13, 2006 is hereby terminated.

DATED this 10th day of June 2010.

MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

BY: Myra A. Broadway, J.D., M.S., R.N.
Executive Director
IN RE: STACEY L. MORSE, R.N. ) CONSENT AGREEMENT 
of Lisbon Falls, Maine ) FOR CENSURE AND 
License #R037481 ) PROBATION 

INTRODUCTION 

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Stacey L. Morse'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)(A) and (B), 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(A-1)(1) and (4) and § 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Stacey L. Morse (“Licensee”), Maine State Board of Nursing (“Board”) and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. An informal conference was held on February 4, 2005. The parties reached this Agreement on the basis of information submitted by (1) Crystal Guerrette by a letter dated January 12, 2004; (2) Central Maine Medical Center by a letter dated January 16, 2004; (3) Lisa Davis, R.N. by a letter dated January 16, 2004; and, (4) Jane McNally, D.O. by a letter dated December 13, 2004.

FACTS 

1. Stacey L. Morse has been a registered professional nurse licensed by the Board to practice in Maine since 1994.

2. Stacey L. Morse admits that she misappropriated a home care patient’s discontinued medication (Klonopin) for her own use.

3. Stacey L. Morse is currently under the care of a physician and is being treated for depression.

AGREEMENT 

4. Stacey L. Morse agrees and understands that based upon the above stated facts her conduct constitutes grounds for discipline under Title 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(F), (2)(H) and Chapter 4.1.A.6., 4.3.P. and 4.3.Q. Stacey L. Morse is hereby CENSURED for unprofessional conduct.

5. Stacey L. Morse license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine is 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 Consent Agreement, nursing employment is any employment during which Ms. Morse performs nursing services. Ms. Morse’s probationary license will be subject to the following conditions:
a. Stacey L. Morse 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.

b. Stacey L. Morse 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.

c. Stacey L. Morse’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.

d. Stacey L. Morse 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.

e. Stacey L. Morse shall provide the Board with an evaluation and report from her treating psychiatrist that she is able to return to nursing.

f. Stacey L. Morse 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 medical treatment for depression which the Board deems necessary to evaluate Ms. Morse’s compliance with this Consent Agreement. Ms. Morse 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. Morse’s fitness to practice as a registered professional nurse.

6. The State of Maine is Stacey L. Morse’s home state of licensure. Ms. Morse agrees that during the pendency of this Consent Agreement her nursing practice is limited to the State of Maine unless otherwise authorized by the Board. If Ms. Morse wishes to practice in any other party state within the compact she shall petition the Board for written authorization. In addition, Ms. Morse 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.

7. Stacey L. Morse 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. Morse’s written request, votes to terminate her probation. When considering whether to terminate the probation, the Board will consider the extent to which Ms. Morse has complied with the provisions of this Consent Agreement.
8. Stacey L. Morse understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. Morse 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. Morse 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. Stacey L. Morse affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

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

12. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal 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, STACEY L. MORSE, 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: 2/13/06

STACEY L. MORSE, R.N.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: 2/13/06

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

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 2/13/06

JOHN H. RICHARDS
Assistant Attorney General