



MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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In re:) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**
Vickie Norton, R.N.) **AND REPRIMAND**
of Pittsfield, Maine)
License #R009822)

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement and Reprimand regarding Vickie Norton'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) and 10 M.R.S.A. Section 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are: Vickie Norton, R.N., the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

Ms. Norton was advised by the Board that it had received a memorandum dated December 21, 1992 from Nadine Marchand of the D.H.S. Division of Residential Care, alleging that Ms. Norton may be in violation of 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(2)(E), (2)(F) and (2)(H). Ms. Norton responded by letter dated January 26, 1993.

Subsequently, the Board requested that Ms. Norton attend an informal conference pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A). The informal conference was held on September 8, 1993. Ms. Norton was present and was represented by S. Peter Mills, III, Esq.

FINDINGS OF FACT

As a result of the informal conference the Board made the following findings of fact:

1. Ms. Norton admits to inaccurate medical record-keeping in her duties as owner and operator of the two Chambers Boarding Homes in Pittsfield, Maine in the summer and fall of 1992.
2. Ms. Norton failed to comply with state-required policies and procedures for the operating of boarding homes.
3. There was the potential for resident harm from the record-keeping violations.

4. Ms. Norton denies the instances of possible patient abuse and neglect discussed in the investigator's report.
5. Since these events, the Chambers Boarding Homes owned and operated by Ms. Norton were placed into state receivership and ultimately closed.
6. Ms. Norton has several letters of support, from a variety of sources, extolling her dedication and commitment.
7. Ms. Norton admits to being overextended in the summer and fall of 1992 due to the increasing complexity of care required by the residents, and to a series of unusual medical events during that summer.
8. Ms. Norton states that she had advertised for additional help, but had not received an adequate response to those advertisements.
9. Ms. Norton has now sold the property and will not return to the position of administrator of these homes.
10. Ms. Norton is not currently employed in a nursing capacity.

COVENANTS AND REPRIMAND

Based on the above findings of fact, the Board voted to enter in an agreement with Ms. Norton under which she will be, and she hereby is **REPRIMANDED** for her actions in this matter, which constituted unprofessional conduct in violation of the Nurse Practice Act, 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(2)(F), and Chapter 4, Section 3(F) and (K) of the Rules of the Maine State Board of Nursing. Ms. Norton is advised to conform her future conduct accordingly. The Board agrees to take no further disciplinary action upon these facts.

Ms. Norton understands that this document is a Consent Agreement which affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. Norton understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering this Consent Agreement. Ms. Norton affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

DATED: 11-3-93

Vickie Norton RN
VICKIE NORTON, R.N.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF
NURSING:

DATED: 11/8/93

Jean C. Caron
JEAN C. CARON, R.N., M.S.
Executive Director

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL:

DATED: 11-4-93

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