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IN RE: CATHERINE A. PETROS, RN)
 of Donna, TX)
 License #R025832) **CONSENT AGREEMENT
 FOR
 REPRIMAND**

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement (“Agreement”) regarding Catherine A. Petros’s license to practice as a registered professional nurse (“RN”) in the State of Maine. The Parties to this Agreement are Catherine A. Petros (“Licensee” or “Ms. Petros”), Maine State Board of Nursing (“Board”) and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The Parties met in an informal conference on June 29, 2011 and reached this Agreement on the basis of a Board Complaint dated November 3, 2009, with an attached Provider Report from Orono Commons received November 3, 2009. The Parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A-(1-A) (A) and 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5) (B).

FACTS

1. Catherine A. Petros has been a registered professional nurse licensed to practice in Maine since September 13, 1982.
2. On October 20, 2009, Ms. Petros worked the 7-3AM and 3-9:30PM shifts at Orono Commons. At the 7:30AM count with the 11-7 outgoing charge nurse, the count was correct, but Ms. Petros noticed that the narcotic box contained scheduled drugs that were discontinued, expired or prescribed to patients who had been discharged. On the 11PM shift change, it was discovered that Ms. Petros had wasted these scheduled drugs without witness. The following drugs were destroyed: 28cc of Ativan Intensol; 22 tablets of Marinol 2.5mg; five Belladonna 16.2mg/opium 30mg rectal suppositories; 59 tablets of Vicodin 5/500; 29 tablets of Vicodin 5/325; and 26 tablets of Oxycodone 5mg. Ms. Petros documented in the bound count book that these drugs (except the Marinol) were destroyed. She later indicated that she mistakenly failed to document the destruction of the Marinol.
3. Catherine A. Petros admits that her failure to follow policy and procedure for the removal and destruction of scheduled drugs adopted by Orono Commons is a serious violation of standard nursing practice that compromised the ability to properly account for the destruction of scheduled medications because she did so without a witness.
4. Catherine A. Petros has agreed to resolve this matter by entering into this Agreement and waives her right to a hearing.

AGREEMENT

5. Catherine A. Petros acknowledges that the Board has evidence from which it could conclude there is a violation of Title 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A (2) (F) and (2) (H) and Chapter 4.1.A.6. and 4.1.A.8. of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. She acknowledges that the conduct in the above-stated facts constitutes grounds for discipline. Ms. Petros is hereby formally **REPRIMANDED** for these violations. Specifically, the violations are:

Title 32 M.R.S. §§:

- a. M.R.S. § 2105-A (2) (F). Ms. Petros engaged in unprofessional conduct by violating a standard of professional behavior that has been established in the practice of nursing. (See also Rule Chapter 4, Section 1.A.6.)




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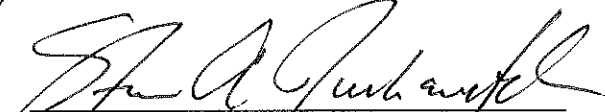
- b. M.R.S. § 2105-A (2) (H). A violation of this chapter or a rule adopted by the Board. (See also Rule Chapter 4, Section 1.A.8.)
6. The State of Maine is a "Party state" that has adopted the Nurse Licensure Compact ("Compact"), which is set out in Chapter 11 of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. At the time of this incident, the State of Maine was Ms. Petros's "Home state" of licensure and primary state of residence, which means that she had declared the State of Maine as her fixed permanent and principle home for legal purposes; her domicile. Other Party states in the Compact are referred to as "Remote states," which means Party states other than the Home state that have adopted the Compact. Ms. Petros understands this document is an Agreement that is subject to the Compact.
7. Catherine A. Petros understands that she does not have to execute this Agreement and has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into the Agreement.
8. Modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
9. This Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by Ms. Petros.
10. This Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S. § 402 and will be available for inspection and copying by the public pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 408.
11. This Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, CATHERINE A. PETROS, RN, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THE EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON MY PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, KNOWINGLY, AND INTELLIGENTLY AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND.

DATED: 08/20/2011



CATHERINE A. PETROS, RN

DATED: 08/23/2011


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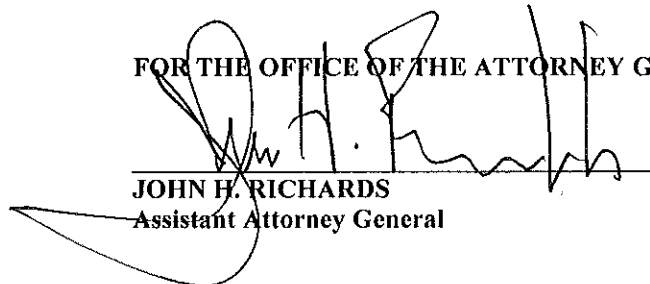
FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: 8/24/11


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FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 8/28/11


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