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IN RE: Anne P. Purcell)
 of Lyman, Maine)
 License #R040311)
) CONSENT AGREEMENT
) FOR VOLUNTARY
) SURRENDER OF LICENSE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Anne P. Purcell's license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B), (5)(D) and 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(C). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Anne P. Purcell, Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties reached this Agreement following an informal conference held on March 15, 2002, based on information submitted by Southern Maine Medical Center (SMMC) in a letter dated July 26, 2001.

FACTS

1. Anne P. Purcell has been a registered professional nurse licensed by the Board to practice in Maine since August 1996.
2. Anne P. Purcell admits that she diverted drugs (Demerol) from SMMC and that the drugs were diverted for her own use. Ms. Purcell also admits that the drugs were ingested while she was performing her nursing responsibilities at SMMC.
3. There is no documented patient harm.
4. Anne P. Purcell admits that she has a substance abuse problem and is currently receiving treatment for substance abuse.
5. Anne P. Purcell was recently diagnosed as having a Bipolar II Disorder and is currently under the care of a psychiatrist and receiving treatment for this disorder.
6. Anne P. Purcell states that she has been free from illicit substances for a period of six months.

AGREEMENT

7. The Maine State Board of Nursing will accept Anne P. Purcell's voluntary surrender of her license, license #R040311, and Ms. Purcell agrees and understands that the voluntary surrender of her license will be for a period of 18 months.



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8. Anne P. Purcell understands that this document imposes discipline regarding her license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(A), (2)(B), (2)(F), (2)(H) and Chapter 4, sections 1(A)(1), (A)(2), (A)(5), (A)(6), Chapter 4, sections 3(N), 3(O), 3(P) and 3(Q) of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. Ms. Purcell understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering the Consent Agreement.
9. Anne P. Purcell may petition the Board for reinstatement of her license for a probationary period in 18 months from the effective date of this Agreement. Ms. Purcell understands and agrees that her license will not be reinstated until and unless the Board, upon Ms. Purcell's written request, votes to reinstate Ms. Purcell's license.
10. Anne P. Purcell understands and agrees that as a condition of reinstatement of her registered professional nursing license she will receive treatment and counseling for drug abuse and addiction. Ms. Purcell will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports from her treatment providers. In addition, Ms. Purcell agrees and understands that the Board shall have access to any and all medical records and all otherwise confidential or medically privileged information pertaining to her treatment and therapy which the Board deems necessary to evaluate Ms. Purcell's compliance with this Consent Agreement and her continued recovery.

Anne P. Purcell shall provide such information, shall authorize any release of such records and information, and shall authorize any such discussions and communications with any and all persons involved in her care as may be requested by the Board for the purpose of evaluating Ms. Purcell's compliance with this Consent Agreement.
11. Anne P. Purcell shall not work, in any capacity, in the health care field, including in a veterinarian's office, while her nursing license is surrendered. In addition, Ms. Purcell is not to seek employment where the handling or dispensing of drugs is part of the job responsibility.
12. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
13. Anne P. Purcell affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.


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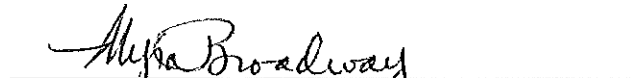
14. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

DATED: 4/15/02


ANNE P. PURCELL

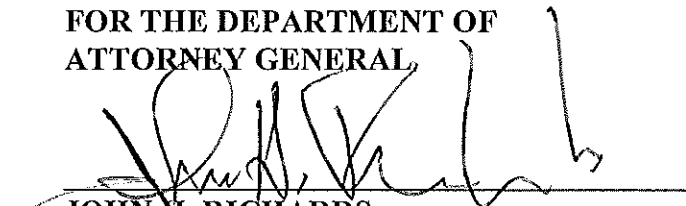
**FOR THE MAINE STATE
BOARD OF NURSING**

DATED: July 3, 2002


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**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

DATED: 7/10/02


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