



MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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In re:)
Sandra J. Records) CONSENT AGREEMENT
of So. Harpswell, ME) REGARDING VOLUNTARY
License #R035159) SURRENDER OF LICENSE

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Sandra J. Records' 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: Sandra J. Records, the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine. By letter dated April 28, 1994 Ms. Records was advised by the Board that it had received a report dated April 19, 1994 from Kathleen Vaden, R.N., Vice President for Patient Care Services of Parkview Memorial Hospital, stating that Ms. Records had been placed on indefinite suspension from employment at the Hospital following her confession to diversion of narcotics. Ms. Records responded by letter dated May 9, 1994, in which she voluntarily surrendered her license to practice nursing in Maine. The Board held an informal conference to discuss this matter on October 19, 1994. Ms. Records attended the conference without legal counsel. This Consent Agreement is a result of that informal conference.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ms. Records voluntarily surrendered her license to practice nursing in Maine in response to the Board's inquiry in this matter.
2. Ms. Records admits to the diversion and use of narcotics while on duty at Parkview Memorial Hospital.
3. Ms. Records states that she was impaired while on duty approximately half of the time during her last four (4) months of nursing employment.
4. There is no documented evidence of harm to any patient as a result of Ms. Records' actions.

5. Ms. Records admits to altering patient records and there is a possibility that patients were deprived of medication as a result of her actions.
6. Ms. Records made a false statement to the Board on her license renewal application.
7. Ms. Records has a long history of previous substance abuse, with prior treatment in December of 1991.
8. Ms. Records was suspended from her employment at Parkview Memorial Hospital.
9. At the time of the informal conference Ms. Records was not employed in nursing.
10. Since the diversion, Ms. Records has completed an out-patient substance abuse treatment program and is involved in aftercare, self-help, and one-on-one counseling for substance abuse.
11. Ms. Records states that she is not ready to return to nursing at this time, and she does not know when she might be able to return to practice.
12. Ms. Records stated at the informal conference that she had been substance-free for six (6) months.
13. The administration at Parkview Memorial Hospital is supportive of her recovery and treatment program.
14. When confronted, Ms. Records soon admitted her drug use and diversion.

COVENANTS

Ms. Records agrees voluntarily to surrender her license to practice professional nursing in Maine for a period of two years. The Board accepts the voluntary surrender of Ms. Records' license with the following conditions:

1. Ms. Records will remain substance-free.
2. Ms. Records will continue her prescribed aftercare, counseling and self-help program.
3. Ms. Records will arrange to provide quarterly reports from her substance abuse counselor(s) so long as she remains in treatment. Ms. Records hereby waives any claims of confidentiality and privilege which she may have with respect to these reports.
4. Ms. Records will not seek nor accept employment in any position in the field of health care.

Should Ms. Records petition the Board for reinstatement of her license the decision on reinstatement at that point will be at the discretion of the Board. The Board agrees to take no further action upon these facts so long as Ms. Records fully complies with the Consent Agreement.

Ms. Records understands that this document is a Consent Agreement which extinguishes her legal right to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. Records 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. Records affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

DATED: 12/14/94

Sandra Records
SANDRA J. RECORDS

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING:

DATED: 12/29/94

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

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL:

DATED: 1/3/95
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