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IN RE: **DEBORAH B. ROWE**) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**
 of Lewiston, Maine) **FOR VOLUNTARY**
 License #R026843 & P007466) **SURRENDER OF LICENSE**

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Deborah B. Rowe's license to practice registered professional nursing and practical 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 Deborah B. Rowe, Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. An informal conference was on December 5, 2002. The parties reached this Agreement based on information submitted by Odd Fellows' and Rebekahs' Home of Maine by letter dated September 3, 2002, information submitted by Arcadia Health Care by letter dated September 4, 2002 and information from State of Maine, Department of Human Services, Bureau of Medical Service, Division of Licensing & Certification by Complaint Investigation No. 02-PNF-889 dated September 16, 2002.

FACTS

1. Deborah B. Rowe has been licensed to practice in Maine since 1982 for practical nurse and 1983 for registered professional nurse.
2. Deborah B. Rowe admits that she was intoxicated while working at Odd Fellows' and Rebekahs' Home of Maine on September 1, 2002, and failed to render patient care at the facility because of her intoxication. There is no documented patient harm.
3. Deborah B. Rowe admits that she has had a substance abuse problem since 1998. On December 5, 2002, Ms. Rowe stated that she had been substance free for 3 months.
4. Deborah B. Rowe completed a treatment program at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in October, 2002. Her ongoing treatment consists of daily AA meetings and weekly substance abuse counseling. Ms. Rowe also states that she has a family support system.
5. Deborah B. Rowe has offered to surrender her registered professional nursing license.



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AGREEMENT

6. The Maine State Board of Nursing will accept Deborah B. Rowe's voluntary surrender of her license, license #R026843, and Ms. Rowe agrees and understands that the voluntary surrender of her license will be for a period of one year of sobriety.
7. Deborah B. Rowe 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)(B), (2)(F), (2)(H) and Chapter 4, sections 1(A)(2), (A)(6) and Chapter 4, sections 3(N) and 3(O) of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing.
8. Deborah B. Rowe agrees and understands that her license will remain on surrender status and subject to the terms of this Consent Agreement indefinitely beyond the one year surrender period, until and unless the Board, at Ms. Rowe's written request, votes to reinstate Ms. Rowe's license. When considering whether to reinstate Ms. Rowe's license, the Board will consider the extent to which Ms. Rowe has complied with the provisions of this Consent Agreement.
9. Deborah B. Rowe understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that affects her rights to practice professional nursing in Maine. Ms. Rowe 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.
10. If Ms. Rowe 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.
11. Deborah B. Rowe agrees and understands that when she petitions the Board for reinstatement of her license, it will be for a probationary period.
12. Deborah B. Rowe understands and agrees that as a condition of reinstatement of her registered professional nursing license she will continue treatment and counseling for substance abuse to such an extent and for as long as recommended by her treatment providers. Ms. Rowe will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports from her treatment providers. In addition, Ms. Rowe 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. Rowe's compliance with this Consent Agreement and her continued recovery. Ms. Rowe shall notify her health care physician of her substance abuse problem.

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Deborah B. Rowe 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. Rowe's compliance with this Consent Agreement.

13. Deborah B. Rowe shall not work or volunteer, in any capacity, for a health care provider as defined by Title 24 M.R.S.A. § 2502 (2) or in any position holding herself out as a registered professional nurse or with the designation, R.N., or licensed practical nurse, with the designation, L.P.N. including, in a veterinarian's office, while her nursing license is surrendered. In addition, Ms. Rowe is not to seek employment where the handling or dispensing of drugs is part of the job responsibility.
14. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
15. Deborah B. Rowe affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
16. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

DATED: 12-31-02

Deborah B. Rowe
DEBORAH B. ROWE

**FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD
OF NURSING**

DATED: Jan 3, 2003

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

**FOR THE OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

DATED: 1/7/03

John H. Richards
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