BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE NO. R040433 ISSUED TO: STACY L. SLOCUM ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION
To practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2006, License No. R040433 issued to Stacy L. Slocum was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2007, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Stacy L. Slocum's compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Stacy L. Slocum has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation executed on March 27, 2006 is hereby terminated.

DATED this 19th day of June 2007.

MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

BY: Myra A. Broadway, J.D., M.S., R.N. Executive Director

IN RE: STACEY L. SLOCUM, R.N.  
of Bangor, Maine  
License #R040433  

CONSENT AGREEMENT  
FOR REPRIMAND AND PROBATION  
WITH CONDITIONS  

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Stacey L. Slocum’s license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Consent Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(B), 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(A-1)(2), (A-1)(4) and 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Stacey L. Slocum (“Licensee”), Maine State Board of Nursing (“Board”) and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The Board met with the Licensee in an informal conference on February 15, 2006. The parties reached this Consent Agreement based on information submitted by The Acadia Hospital, Bangor, Maine by complaint dated August 8, 2005.

FACTS

1. Stacey L. Slocum has been licensed as a registered professional nurse to practice in Maine since 1996.

2. Stacey L. Slocum was terminated from employment at The Acadia Hospital (“Acadia”) for inappropriate verbal remarks and physical actions toward staff members, ignoring professional boundaries, and continued negative attitude toward peers and managers.

3. Stacey L. Slocum admits that she engaged in inappropriate physical contact with another staff member during a therapeutic session with residents at Acadia, which the Board determined was counter-therapeutic to the residents.

4. Stacey L. Slocum admits that she failed to supervise unlicensed personnel in their performance of nursing practice services.

AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS OF PROBATION

5. Stacey L. Slocum agrees and understands that this document imposes discipline regarding her license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine and the above-described conduct constitutes grounds for discipline under 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(F), (2)(H) and Chapter, 4(1)(A)(6), 4(3)(E), and 4(3)(U) of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. Stacey L. Slocum is hereby REPRIMANDED for unprofessional conduct. Ms. Slocum understands that this Consent Agreement imposes discipline in the form of a formal reprimand regarding her license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine.
6. In addition, Stacey L. Slocum’s license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine will be placed on a probationary status with conditions. The period of probation will be for a period of one year, to be effective only while she is employed in nursing practice. For purposes of this Consent Agreement, nursing employment is any employment during which Stacey L. Slocum performs nursing services. Ms. Stacey L. Slocum’s probationary license will be subject to the following conditions:

a. Stacey L. Slocum will undergo a clinical psychological evaluation from a clinical psychologist for emotional fitness to practice nursing as it relates to professional boundaries. She will provide the psychologist with a copy of the “Confidential Memo” dated August 4, 2005, from Sally Baughman, Director of Human Services at Acadia. Ms. Slocum will also notify the Board in writing regarding the psychologist who will perform her evaluation and provide the Board with a copy of the evaluation.

b. Stacey L. Slocum agrees and understands that the Board and the Department of Attorney General shall have access to any and all employment records and medical/psychological records and all otherwise confidential or medically/psychologically privileged information pertaining to her psychological evaluation and any follow-up treatment, which the Board deems necessary to evaluate Ms. Slocum’s compliance with the Consent Agreement and her ability to address any issues with professional boundaries. Ms. Slocum shall provide such information, shall authorize the release of such records and information, and shall authorize any such discussions and communications with any and all persons involved in her care, counseling and employment as may be requested by the Board for the purpose of evaluating Ms. Slocum’s compliance with the Consent Agreement.

c. Stacey L. Slocum will abide by any course of follow-up treatment or recommendations of the clinical psychologist.

d. Stacey L. Slocum will enroll in and complete a course regarding professional boundaries approved by the Board’s executive director. Ms. Slocum shall successfully complete the course prior to the termination of her probation and provide the Board with documentation of her successful completion of the course.

e. Stacey L. Slocum will notify any and all of her nursing employers of the terms of this Consent Agreement and shall provide them with a copy of it.

f. Stacey L. Slocum will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports from her nursing employer regarding her nursing practice and professional conduct as it relates to professional boundaries.

g. Stacey L. Slocum will immediately notify the Board in writing regarding any material change in her nursing employment. Notification under this section shall include the place and position of employment and the same notification shall apply to any subsequent change in employment.
7. Stacey L. Slocum agrees and understands that her license will remain on probationary status and subject to the terms of this Agreement indefinitely beyond the probationary period, until and unless the Board, at Ms. Slocum's written request, votes to terminate Ms. Slocum's probation. When considering whether to terminate the probation, the Board will consider the extent to which Ms. Slocum has complied with the provisions of this Consent Agreement.

8. Stacey L. Slocum understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that affects her rights to practice nursing in Maine. Ms. Slocum understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into the Consent Agreement.

9. If Ms. Slocum fails to meet any of the obligations of this Consent Agreement, the Board will give written notice to the Licensee regarding her failure to comply. Notice will be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the Licensee that is on file with the Board. The Licensee has 30 days from receipt of this notification to respond to the Board, in writing, regarding the alleged failure to comply. The Board will review the Licensee's timely response to determine what action, if any, the Board determines to take. If the Licensee fails to timely respond to the Board's notification regarding her failure to comply, her license will be immediately suspended pending a hearing at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. If after a hearing, the Board finds that the Licensee has failed to meet 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.

The licensee shall notify the Board, in writing, of any change in address within 10 days of its change.

10. Stacey L. Slocum affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

11. Modification of this Consent Agreement must in writing and signed by all the parties.

12. This Consent Agreement is not subject to appeal or review by the Licensee but may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court.
13. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, STACEY L. SLOCUM, R.N., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT ANY THREAT OR PROMISE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND.

DATED:   03/21/06  
STACEY L. SLOCUM, R.N.

DATED:   3/23/06  
THOMAS P. PETERS, ESQ.  
Attorney for Stacey L. Slocum

FOR THE MAINE STATE  
BOARD OF NURSING

DATED:   3/24/06  
MYRA A. BROADWAY, J.D., M.S., R.N.  
Executive Director

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED:   3/27/06  
JOHN M. RICHARDS  
Assistant Attorney General