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IN RE: **MELINDA A. WHITE**) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**
 of Portland, Maine) **FOR VOLUNTARY**
 License #R045443) **SURRENDER OF LICENSE**

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Melinda A. White'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 Melinda A. White, Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties reached this Agreement following an informal conference held on November 13, 2002, based on information submitted by Mercy Hospital in a letter dated April 16, 2002.

FACTS

1. Melinda A. White has been a registered professional nurse since 1977 and licensed by the Board to practice in Maine since 2000.
2. Melinda A. White admits that she has a substance abuse problem and has volunteered to surrender her registered professional nursing license.
3. Melinda A. White entered the Talbott recovery campus on July 25, 2002 and is currently in aftercare treatment.

AGREEMENT

4. The Maine State Board of Nursing will accept Melinda A. White's voluntary surrender of her license #R045443, and Ms. White agrees and understands that the voluntary surrender of her license will be for a minimum period of one year from the effective date of this agreement.
5. Melinda A. White 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 4.1.A.2 of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. Ms. White 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.



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6. Melinda A. White agrees and understands when she petitions the Board for reinstatement of her license and the Board agrees to reinstate her license, her license will be subject to a probationary period. Ms. White understands and agrees that her license will not be reinstated until and unless the Board, upon Ms. White's written request, votes to reinstate Ms. White's license.
7. Melinda A. White understands and agrees that as a condition of reinstatement of her registered professional nursing license she will continue treatment and counseling for drug abuse and addiction to such an extent and for as long as recommended by her treatment providers. Ms. White will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports from her treatment providers. In addition, Ms. White 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. White's compliance with this Consent Agreement and her continued recovery.

Melinda A. White 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. White's compliance with this Consent Agreement.

8. Melinda A. White 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. including, in a veterinarian's office, while her nursing license is surrendered. In addition, Ms. White is not to seek employment where the handling or dispensing of drugs is part of the job responsibility.
9. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
10. Melinda A. White affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.

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

DATED: 12/11/02

Melinda A. White
MELINDA A. WHITE

DATED: 12/19/02

FOR THE MAINE STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

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

DATED: 12/20/02

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