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IN RE: JENNIFER J. BLAISDELL, LPN)
 of South Berwick, Maine)
 License No. LPN12408)

CONSENT AGREEMENT
 FOR SURRENDER

Complaint 2017-116

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 31, the Maine State Legislature endowed the Board with the power and duty to regulate the practice of nurses licensed by the Board, including issuing licenses and investigating complaints. Pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8008, the Legislature provided that the sole purpose of the Board is to “protect the public health and welfare” and that “other goals or objectives may not supersede this purpose.”

This document is a Consent Agreement (“Agreement”) regarding Jennifer J. Blaisdell’s license as a licensed practical nurse (“LPN”) in the State of Maine. The parties to this Agreement are Jennifer J. Blaisdell (“Ms. Blaisdell”), the Maine State Board of Nursing (“the Board”), and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2105-A(1-A)(C) and 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(B) and (5)(D) in order to resolve Complaint 2017-116.

FACTS

- Ms. Blaisdell was first licensed to practice as an LPN in Maine on November 15, 2005.
- In January 2017, Ms. Blaisdell was employed as a nurse at Dover Center for Health and Rehabilitation (“Dover Rehab”) in Dover, New Hampshire. She was practicing in New Hampshire on her Maine LPN license through the Nurse Licensure Compact.
- On January 19, 2017 at 6:00 a.m., Dover Rehab staff photocopied pages 206 and 207 of the narcotics book, which contained entries for patients M.H. and J.G. (“6:00 a.m. photocopies”). At 7:22 a.m. Ms. Blaisdell arrived at Dover Rehab for her shift. At or about 11:00 a.m. Dover Rehab staff again photocopied pages 206 and 207 of the narcotics book containing entries for patients M.H. and J.G. (“11:00 a.m. photocopies”). The 11:00 a.m. photocopies contained entries purportedly made by a nurse during her January 18, 2017 shift that did not appear on the 6:00 a.m. photocopies. The entries were for the administration of Oxycodone 5 mg on a PRN, or as needed, basis. The nurse who purportedly made the entries had clocked out of Dover Rehab at 11:45 p.m. on January 18, 2017 and had not returned. The 11:00 a.m. photocopy of page 207 included an entry documenting that Ms. Blaisdell administered one 5 mg Oxycodone tablet to J.G. at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Blaisdell left the facility at 11:23 a.m., and this tablet could not be accounted for during the medication count.
- On February 8, 2017, the New Hampshire Board of Nursing issued an Order of Emergency Suspension of Privilege to Practice, suspending Ms. Blaisdell’s privilege to practice based on an investigation into her employment at Dover Rehab. Board staff docketed this information as Complaint 2017-116.
- On February 16, 2017, the New Hampshire Board of Nursing held a hearing to consider the continued suspension of Ms. Blaisdell’s privilege to practice. At the hearing, Ms. Blaisdell admitted that on January 19, 2017, while working at Dover Rehab, she pre-poured one Oxycodone 5 mg tablet, placed it in the locked medication cart, and signed it out as given in the narcotics book for 2:00 p.m. On January 19, 2017, Ms. Blaisdell left Dover Rehab at 11:23 a.m. After considering the evidence, the New Hampshire Board of Nursing reinstated Ms. Blaisdell’s privilege to practice nursing in New Hampshire but imposed a period of probation not to exceed three months based on her admitted misconduct.
- On or about May 17, 2017, Ms. Blaisdell agreed to extend her probation in New Hampshire.



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7. On June 16, 2017, Ms. Blaisdell executed an Interim Consent Agreement, in which she agreed to the suspension of her Maine LPN license until her criminal proceedings in New Hampshire were resolved.
8. On or about January 24, 2019, Ms. Blaisdell pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful possession of a prescription drug (Oxycodone), a Class A misdemeanor, in violation of N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. 318:42.
9. Following review at its January 10, 2019 and February 22, 2019 meetings, the Board voted to offer Ms. Blaisdell a consent agreement.
10. Absent Ms. Blaisdell's acceptance of this Agreement by signing, dating, and returning it to the Maine State Board of Nursing, 158 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0158 **on or before March 5, 2019**, the Board may take further action. In the absence of an agreement, the Board could impose, subsequent to adjudicatory proceedings, greater adverse action in this matter.

AGREEMENT

11. Jennifer J. Blaisdell admits to the Facts as stated above and that such conduct constitutes grounds for the Board to impose discipline against her Maine nursing license pursuant to:

32 M.R.S. § 2105-A(2)(F) & (H), for engaging in unprofessional conduct as defined by the Board and violating a rule of the Board by possessing, obtaining, furnishing or administering prescription drugs to any person, including self, except as directed by a person authorized by law to prescribe drugs (Board Rules Ch. 4, § 3(Q)).
12. As discipline for the violations admitted to above, Ms. Blaisdell agrees to the **PERMANENT SURRENDER** of her Maine LPN license effective upon the date of the final execution of this Agreement. Ms. Blaisdell understands and agrees that as a result of surrendering her license, that she no longer has a nursing license.
13. Violation of any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement by Ms. Blaisdell shall constitute unprofessional conduct and shall be grounds for discipline.
14. Ms. Blaisdell waives her right to an adjudicatory hearing before the Board or any court regarding all facts, terms, and conditions of this Agreement.
15. The Board and Ms. Blaisdell agree that no further agency or legal action will be initiated against her by the Board based upon the specific violations admitted to herein, except or unless she fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Board may however consider the conduct described above as evidence of a pattern of misconduct in the event that other allegations are brought against Ms. Blaisdell. The Board may also consider the fact that discipline was imposed by this Agreement in determining appropriate discipline in any further complaints against Ms. Blaisdell.
16. This Agreement is not appealable. This Agreement cannot be modified orally. It can be modified only in writing and only if signed by all of the parties to the Agreement and approved by the Office of the Attorney General. Any decision by the Board as a result of Ms. Blaisdell's request to modify this Agreement need not be made pursuant to a hearing.
17. The Board and the Office of the Attorney General may communicate and cooperate regarding Ms. Blaisdell's practice or any other matter relating to this Agreement.
18. This Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S. § 402 and will be available for inspection and copying by the public pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 408-A.
19. This Agreement constitutes a final adverse licensing action that is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank ("NPDB").

20. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to affect any right or interest of any person not a party hereto.
21. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term “execution” means that date on which the final signature is affixed to this Agreement.
22. Ms. Blaisdell acknowledges by her signature hereto that she has read this Agreement, that she has had an opportunity to consult with an attorney before executing this Agreement, that she has executed this Agreement of her own free will, and that she agrees to abide by all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

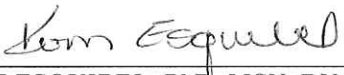
DATED: 3/1/2019



LICENSEE JENNIFER J. BLAISDELL, LPN

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: 3/5/2019



KIM ESQUIBEL, PhD, MSN, RN
Executive Director

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 3/7/19



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