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**IN RE: LARA A. CIRULLI** )  
 of Bangor, Maine )  
 License #R ) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**  
**FOR LICENSE PROBATION**  
**WITH CONDITIONS**

**INTRODUCTION**

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Lara A. Cirulli's license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Consent Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5), (A-1) (4) and 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5) (B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Lara A. Cirulli ("Applicant"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The parties met on December 3, 2008 and reached this Consent Agreement based on 1) information submitted in Ms. Cirulli's application for licensure as a registered professional nurse; 2) correspondence from Maureen Sylvain, Outpatient Counselor at Wellspring dated November 18, 2008; 3) correspondence from Linda Cirulli [mother] dated November 14, 2008; 4) correspondence from Jerry Mick, Ph.D., Bangor Baptist Church, dated November 12, 2008; and 5) correspondence from Angela Jones, RN, Director of Nursing at Stillwater Health Care dated November 19, 2008.

**FACTS**

1. Lara A. Cirulli filed an application for licensure as a registered professional nurse with the Maine State Board of Nursing on May 12, 2008.
2. Lara A. Cirulli graduated from Husson College, Bangor, Maine, with a Baccalaureate Degree of Nursing in May, 2008.
3. Lara A. Cirulli disclosed the following misdemeanor convictions on her application:
  - a. September 18, 2002 Operating After Suspension
  - b. October 28, 2003 Operating Under the Influence of Liquor
  - c. April 30, 2004 Acquiring Drugs by Deception
  - d. February 19, 2008 Operating Under the Influence
  - e. February 19, 2008 Operating After Suspension
4. Lara A. Cirulli admits that she has a substance abuse problem. She has been substance free for one year as of November 28, 2008.
5. Lara A. Cirulli currently attends AA one to three times a week, has an AA sponsor, and attends counseling at Wellspring in Bangor. In addition, she has developed a support group consisting of family and friends, attends church on a regular basis and has taken measures to maintain a healthy lifestyle.



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6. On December 3, 2008, the Board voted to approve Ms. Cirulli's application as a registered professional nurse in the State of Maine and offered a Consent Agreement for probation.

### **AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS OF PROBATION**

7. Lara A. Cirulli's license as a registered professional nurse in the State of Maine is placed on a probationary status with conditions. The period of probation will be for five years, to be effective only while she is employed in nursing practice and/or enrolled in a nursing education program. For purposes of this Agreement, nursing employment is any employment during which Ms. Cirulli performs nursing services. Ms. Cirulli's probationary license will be subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Lara A. Cirulli will abstain completely from the use of alcohol or drugs, with the exception of substances used in accordance with a valid prescription from a treatment provider who is aware of her substance abuse history.
  - b. Lara A. Cirulli will continue in her aftercare treatment program to such an extent and for as long as her treatment providers recommend.
  - c. Lara A. Cirulli will arrange for and ensure the submission of quarterly reports to the Board by her treatment providers, and such reports shall continue until her probation is terminated. The reports must include the results of any random urinalysis conducted as part of her treatment. If Ms. Cirulli's treatment is terminated, she shall notify the Board in writing and provide documentation from her provider(s).
  - d. Lara A. Cirulli will immediately notify the Board in writing when she begins employment and/or an educational program in the field of nursing. Notice under this section shall include the place and position of employment or the educational program and any subsequent change in employment or educational programs.
  - e. Lara A. Cirulli will notify any and all of her nursing employers and faculty involved in any clinical studies of the terms of this Consent Agreement, and provide them with a copy of it.
  - f. Lara A. Cirulli will arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board of quarterly reports from her nursing employer and/or clinical faculty regarding her general nursing practice. If during the period of probation, Ms. Cirulli's employment as a nurse or educational program in the field of nursing terminates, she shall notify the Board of this change to ensure that she remains in compliance with her employment and/or educational quarterly reports.
  - g. Lara A. Cirulli's employment is restricted during the period of probation to structured settings with on-site supervision by another registered professional nurse. Structured settings shall not include assignments from temporary employment agencies, school nursing, work as a traveling nurse or within the correctional system.

- h. Lara A. Cirulli understands and agrees that the Board and the Office of the Attorney General shall have access to any and all medical records and all otherwise confidential or medically privileged information pertaining to her treatment for substance abuse which the Board deems necessary to evaluate her compliance with the Consent Agreement and her continued recovery. Ms. Cirulli 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 her compliance with the Consent Agreement and continued recovery.
8. Lara A. Cirulli understands and agrees that her license will remain on probationary status and subject to the terms of this Agreement beyond the five-year probationary period until and unless the Board, at Ms. Cirulli's written request, votes to terminate her probation. When considering whether to terminate the probation, the Board will consider the extent to which Ms. Cirulli has complied with the provisions of this Agreement.
9. Lara A. Cirulli understands and agrees that if any member of the Board or the Board's Executive Director receives reasonably reliable information suggesting that Ms. Cirulli has had a relapse, her license will be immediately and automatically suspended pending further review by the Board. In the event any member of the Board or its Executive Director receives such information, the information will be immediately forwarded to Ms. Cirulli for a response. Ms. Cirulli agrees and understands that in such event, her license shall remain suspended pending a hearing. The Board shall hold a hearing within sixty (60) days of the automatic suspension unless both the Licensee and the Board agree to hold the hearing later, or the Executive Director and/or the Office of the Attorney General earlier determine that such information is without merit. If the information received is proven to be inaccurate or incorrect, either through hearing or determination by the Executive Director and/or the Department of the Attorney General, Ms. Cirulli's license will be immediately reinstated retroactive to the date of suspension.
10. 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.
11. The State of Maine is a "party state" that has adopted the Nurse Licensure Compact ("Compact"), which is set out in Chapter 11 of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. The State of Maine is Ms. Cirulli's "home state" of licensure and primary state of residence, which means that she has declared the State of Maine as her fixed permanent and principle home for legal purposes; her domicile. Other party states that are in the Compact are referred to as "remote states," which means party states other than the home state that have adopted the Compact. Ms. Cirulli understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that is subject to the Compact. She agrees that during the pendency of this Consent Agreement, her nursing practice may be limited to the State of Maine as it pertains to the Compact. If she wishes to practice in any other party state

within the Compact, she shall arrange to have the party state in which she intends to practice provide the Board with written authorization that she has been approved to practice in that state.

12. This Consent Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S.A. § 402 and will be available for inspection and copying by the public pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 408.
13. Lara A. Cirulli understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into the Consent Agreement.
14. Lara A. Cirulli affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
15. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all the parties.
16. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee.
17. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.


**I, LARA A. CIRULLI, 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: 12/6/08

  
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LARA A. CIRULLI

**FOR THE MAINE STATE  
BOARD OF NURSING**

DATED: Dec 9, 2008

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

**FOR THE OFFICE OF THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

DATED: Dec. 10, 2008

  
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JOHN H. RICHARDS  
Assistant Attorney General