



MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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In re: )  
Jennifer A. Koontz ) TEMPORARY CONSENT AGREEMENT  
of Rockport, Maine ) RE VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF  
License #P008454 ) LICENSE  
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INTRODUCTION

This Consent Agreement, entered into by and among Jennifer A. Koontz, L.P.N. ("Licensee"), the Maine State Board of Nursing (the "Board"), and the Maine Department of Attorney General, is authorized by 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A)(B) and 10 M.R.S.A. Section 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement stipulate to the following:

FACTS

1. The Board has issued Jennifer A. Koontz a license as a Licensed Practical Nurse (#P 008454), which license expires January 7, 1996.
2. Pending before the Board are certain matters regarding Licensee, based upon information provided by her former employer Penobscot Bay Medical Center by letter dated March 10, 1994, and based upon information provided by her former employer Shore Village Nursing Center by letter dated August 11, 1994.
3. Licensee entered a residential substance abuse treatment program on August 9, 1994, and was discharged on September 1, 1994. Licensee is continuing with aftercare and counselling as to substance abuse issues.
4. By letter dated August 15, 1994, Licensee voluntarily surrendered her license to practice nursing, stating, "At some point in the future after my treatment is complete and my recovery secure, I would like to be able to approach the Board for consideration of reinstatement of my license."
5. The Board has fully considered the information presented, and concludes that good cause exists to defer consideration of the pending matters affecting Licensee until such time as she presents herself for reinstatement.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. The Board has jurisdiction to investigate and resolve this matter pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A and 10 M.R.S.A. Section 8003(5)(B).
7. The Board concludes that the terms of this Consent Agreement represent the most appropriate means to protect the public health and safety and to promote Licensee's rehabilitation.

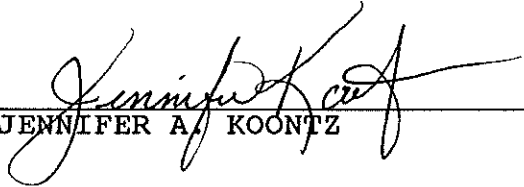
COVENANTS

8. In consideration of Licensee's execution of and compliance with the terms of this Consent Agreement, the Board agrees that it will suspend the investigation and consideration of pending matters affecting Licensee on the basis of paragraph 2. In the event that Licensee fails to comply fully with the terms of this Consent Agreement, the Board may resume investigation and consideration of the matters described in paragraph 2, and may take such further action as it deems appropriate.
9. In consideration of the Board's suspension of the investigation and consideration of the pending matters described in paragraph 2, Licensee agrees to the following:
  - A. Licensee will not engage in the practice of nursing until such time as Licensee has returned before the Board for consideration of her rehabilitation and of the pending matters described in paragraph 2.
  - B. Licensee will continue to participate fully in substance abuse rehabilitation efforts aimed at effecting her complete and sustainable recovery with regard to substance abuse issues.

MISCELLANEOUS

10. This Consent Agreement may be modified only by the written consent of the parties.
11. Licensee has been advised of her right to consult with counsel and has, in fact, consulted with counsel before executing this Consent Agreement.
12. Licensee acknowledges that she has read and that she fully understands the content and terms of this Consent Agreement and that by signing it she waives her right to a hearing.

DATED: 11/3/94

  
JENNIFER A. KOONTZ


FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF  
NURSING:

DATED: 11/14/94

  
JEAN C. CARON, R.N., M.S.  
Executive Director

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ATTORNEY GENERAL:

DATED: 11/15/94

  
TIMOTHY W. COLLIER  
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Counsel to the Board