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IN RE:	SUSAN A. LEVANDOSKI, R.N.)	-	
	of Freeport, Maine)	CONSE	NT AGREEMENT
	License #R018382)	FOR RI	EPRIMAND

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement ("Agreement") regarding Susan A. Levandoski's license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. The parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A (1-A) (A), 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5) (A-1) (1) and § 8003(5) (B). The parties to this Agreement are Susan A. Levandoski ("Licensee" or "Ms. Levandoski"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The Board met with Ms. Levandoski in an Informal Conference on August 12, 2008. The parties reached this Agreement on the basis of 1) a Notice of Complaint from the Board dated May 10, 2007, consisting of information in a letter, with attachments, from Betty McNally dated April 8, 2007; 2) Complaint Narrative RC 3893 received April 26, 2007 and supplemental information dated April 10, 2008 from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services, regarding its August 22, 2006 investigation at MidCoast Senior Health Center's Residential Dementia Unit - The Garden ("MidCoast"); 3) medical records from MidCoast; and 4) the response from Ms. Levandoski received February 19, 2008.

FACTS

- 1. Susan A. Levandoski has been a registered professional nurse licensed to practice in Maine since September 1974.
- 2. Susan A. Levandoski was the Nurse Manager of MidCoast Senior Health Services at the time of the incident. On July 10, 2006, Ms. Levandoski received an e-mail from the daughter of a resident at the facility stating that her father told them during a visit that "several burley men are taking sexual favors from me." The daughter further stated in the e-mail that, "I know he has stated this type of thing before and I do not worry that it's true, but if he believes it then it's true to him. He says the women take good care of him with no problems and he prefers that. . . . If so can we make it only women?" On August 18, 2006, a staff member at MidCoast observed another staff member (male) sexually assaulting the subject resident. This incident was reported to the Department of Health and Human Services, launching an investigation which substantiated the sexual abuse.
- 3. Susan A. Levandoski acknowledges that she failed to follow-up on the e-mail from the resident's daughter requesting that the resident's care be provided by female staff only.
- 4. Susan A. Levandoski's inaction in this incident caused an extension of harm to the resident.

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AGREEMENT

- 5. Susan A. Levandoski understands that her conduct in the above-stated facts constitutes grounds for discipline under Title 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A (2) (F), (2) (H) and Chapter 4.1.A.6., and Chapter 4.3.F. and 4.3.H. of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. Susan A. Levandoski is hereby REPRIMANDED for unprofessional conduct because she failed to follow an appropriate standard of nursing practice designed to safeguard a patient/resident.
- 6. 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. Levandoski'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. Levandoski understands that this document is a Consent Agreement that is subject to the Compact.
- 7. Susan A. Levandoski 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.
- 10. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by Ms. Levandoski.
- 11. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, SUSAN A. LEVANDOSKI, R.N., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FORE-GOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THE EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON MY REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE LICENSE. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, KNOW-INGLY, AND INTELLIGENTLY AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND.

DATED: 9/26/08

SUSAN A. LEVANDOSKI, R.N.

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FOR THE MAINE STATE **BOARD OF NURSING**

DATED: 10/1/08

Executive Director

Assistant Attorney General