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IN RE: REBECCA D. OLIVER, R.N.	)	
of Plymouth, Maine	)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
License #R033823	)	FOR CENSURE

## INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Rebecca D. Oliver'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 Consent Agreement are Rebecca D. Oliver ("Licensee"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. An informal conference was held on June 1, 2005. The parties reached this agreement based upon a complaint initiated by the Board dated 26, 2004.

## **FACTS**

- 1. Rebecca D. Oliver has been a registered professional nurse licensed to practice in Maine since 1990.
- 2. Rebecca D. Oliver is employed at Sebasticook Valley Hospital and works in the Special Care Unit. On May 2004, Ms. Oliver was caring for an intubated patient that was recently transferred to the Special Care Unit. The patient had progressive deterioration in her cerebral function, and after a discussion with the family she was extubated and placed on comfort care. The patient was extubated without discontinuing a Propofol drip. A Propofol drip is an intravenous sedative hypnotic used in the induction and maintenance of anesthesia or sedatives. The usual practice is to discontinue the Propofol when a patient is extubated.
- 3. Rebecca D. Oliver failed to have the knowledge necessary in the use of Propofol and its effects. In addition to receiving Propofol, the patient was receiving morphine. Ms. Oliver also failed to appreciate what effects the combination these drugs had on the patient. Further, Ms. Oliver failed to document the patient's vital signs, the nursing care given and conduct a proper neurological assessment.

## **AGREEMENT**

4. Rebecca D. Oliver understands that her conduct in the above-stated facts constitutes grounds for discipline under Title 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(E)(2), (2)(H) and Chapter



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- 4.3.B. of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing. Rebecca D. Oliver is hereby **CENSURED** because of her incompetent practice in this situation by engaging in conduct that evidences a lack of knowledge or inability to apply principals or skills to carry out the practice for which she is licensed. In addition, her conduct in this situation demonstrates unprofessional conduct because she assumed duties and responsibilities within the practice of nursing without adequate preparation and maintenance of competency for this practice situation.
- 5. Rebecca D. Oliver understands that this Consent Agreement imposes discipline in the form of a censure regarding her license to practice registered professional nursing in the State of Maine. Ms. Oliver understands that she does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that she has the right to consult with an attorney before entering into this Consent Agreement.
- 6. Rebecca D. Oliver affirms that she executes this Consent Agreement of her own free will.
- 7. Modification of this Consent Agreement must be in writing and signed by all the parties.
- 8. This Consent Agreement is not subject to review or appeal by the Licensee.
- 9. This Consent Agreement becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, REBECCA D. OLIVER, R.N., 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: <u>() 7//2/05</u>

REBECCA D. OLIVER, R.N.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: 7/19/05

MYRÁJA. BROADWAM, J.D., M.S., R.N.

**Executive Director** 

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: 7/22/05

Assistant Attorney General