



Maine State Board of Nursing

295 WATER STREET
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In re: Linda M. French, L.P.N.) CONSENT AGREEMENT PURSUANT
of Gardiner, Maine) TO 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)

This Consent Agreement is entered into by and among Linda M. French, LPN, the Maine State Board of Nursing (the "Board"), and the Maine Department of the Attorney General, and concerns Ms. French's LPN license. This Agreement is made pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A).

A. RECITALS

On January 27, 1987, Ms. French wrote to the Board about her own behavior, which she described as abusive of patients. The Board also received a letter dated January 27, 1987, from Betty Gray, R.N., Director of Nursing at Robinson's Health Care Facility indicating that Ms. French may have been unnecessarily rough with a patient. Ms. French indicated that her abusiveness was related to her recovery from drug and alcohol addiction.

The Board notified Ms. French, by letter dated February 2, 1987, of an informal conference to discuss her alleged violations of the Nurse Practice Act:

1. whether she was habitually intemperate in the use of drugs or alcohol; 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(B);
2. whether she was incompetent in the practice of nursing; 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(E); and
3. whether she had displayed unprofessional conduct, 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(F).

The notice also informed her of her right to have an attorney present. The conference was held on 2/26/87. Ms. French was present, and was again reminded of her right to an attorney. She chose to have no attorney present.

B. FINDINGS OF FACT

At the meeting of 2/26/87 the Board found the following facts:

1. Ms. French has admitted abuse of patients.
2. Ms. French has a history of substance abuse.
3. Ms. French is entrenched in ongoing substance abuse treatment programs including Interreflections, New Directions, AA and ANA, among others.
4. Ms. French has taken the initiative in asking the Board to accept the voluntary surrender of her license for a three-year period.

C. COVENANTS

At its meeting of February 26, 1987, the Board voted to cease pursuing the complaint of January 27, 1987, and accepted Ms. French's voluntary surrender of her license for suspension for three years under the following conditions:

a) Ms. French shall abstain from the practice of patient care in any capacity;

b) Ms. French shall continue her involvement in the treatment process as recommended by her counselors;

c) After 3 years, at the time she requests reinstatement, Ms. French shall submit detailed reports from her counselors stating her progress and prognosis for the future as a nurse. Ms. French waives any claim of privilege she may have regarding these reports; and she understands and agrees that the board may, at the time of requested reinstatement, impose conditions on her license.

Dated: 2/24/87

Linda M. French
LINDA M. FRENCH, L.P.N.

Dated: 3/16/87

Jean C. Caron
By: JEAN C. CARON,
EXEC. DIRECTOR
Maine State Board of Nursing

Dated: 5/25/87

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