



Maine State Board of Nursing

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IN RE:)
)
DONNA M. CHAMOFF, R.N.) CONSENT AGREEMENT
of Falmouth, Maine) PURSUANT TO
) 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(C)
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This Consent Agreement is entered into by and among Donna M. Chamoff, R.N., the Maine State Board of Nursing (hereinafter "the Board") and the Department of the Attorney General, State of Maine. By letter of November 2, 1987, Donna Chamoff was advised by the Board that it had received a complaint from Susan Doughty, Director, Critical Care Nursing at Maine Medical Center, alleging habitual use of narcotics and use of narcotics while on duty. Ms. Chamoff responded by letter dated November 22, 1987. Subsequently, the Board requested that Ms. Chamoff attend an informal conference pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A). At the informal conference held on December 17, 1987, Ms. Chamoff was present without counsel. Following the conference, the Board made the following findings of fact:

A. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ms. Chamoff has a lengthy history of substance abuse in Maine and in other states, and her nursing license has been the subject of disciplinary action in Arizona and Pennsylvania.

2. Ms. Chamoff admits to diversion of controlled substances from her place of employment for her own use.

3. Ms. Chamoff admitted to habitual use of narcotics and use of narcotics while on duty.

4. Therefore, Ms. Chamoff is in violation of 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(2)(B), (2)(E) and (2)(F).

5. Ms. Chamoff is currently receiving treatment for her substance abuse problem.

B. COVENANTS

Pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 2105-A(1-A)(C), the Board voted to accept voluntary surrender of Ms. Chamoff's license for a two-year period, commencing on the date of the Board vote, December 17, 1987. The Board will take no further action on the Doughty complaint if Ms. Chamoff meets the following conditions:

1. Ms. Chamoff must remain chemically free and abstain from the use of controlled substances in any form.

2. Ms. Chamoff must voluntarily surrender her license to the Board for the two-year period.

3. Ms. Chamoff must actively continue her substance abuse counseling by:

a) Regular attendance at Alcoholics Anonymous and/or Narcotics Anonymous meetings; and

b) Regular counseling with a Registered Substance Abuse Counsellor.

4. Ms. Chamoff shall arrange for quarterly reports to be sent to the Board from her counselor regarding Ms. Chamoff's progress. If random urine tests are part of the counseling program for Ms. Chamoff, the quarterly reports shall include any results of the urine testing.

5. Ms. Chamoff waives any claim of confidentiality or privilege with respect to her reports related to her substance abuse treatment.

Ms. Chamoff may apply for reinstatement of her license after December 17, 1989. She understands and agrees that the Board has the right at that time to impose a probationary status with conditions on any license granted.

Dated: 1-29-88

Donna M. Chamoff
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Dated: 2/4/88

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