

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY

BOARD OF REGISTRATION
IN NURSING

In the Matter of
Kristen M. Whiteley
RN256137
Expires 06/20/2014

Docket No. NUR- 2013-0028

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR REPRIMAND

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing (Board) and Kristen M. Whiteley (Licensee), a Registered Nurse (RN) licensed by the Board, License No. RN256137, do hereby stipulate and agree that the following information shall be entered into and become a permanent part of the Licensee's record maintained by the Board:

1. The Licensee acknowledges that a complaint has been filed with the Board against her Massachusetts Registered Nurse license (license¹), identified as Docket No. NUR-2013-0028 (the Complaint).
2. The Licensee admits that while employed as a Registered Nurse at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, MA, on or about August 30, 2011, she improperly obtained two prescriptions for controlled substances. She filled one and attempted to fill the other. The Licensee acknowledges that her conduct constitutes failure to comply with the Board's Standards of Conduct at 244 Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) 9.03(5), (31) and (47) and M.G.L. c. 112 § 74 and warrants disciplinary action by the Board under Massachusetts General Laws (G.L.) Chapter 112, section 61 and Board regulations at 244 CMR 7.04, Disciplinary Actions.
3. The Board acknowledges that the Licensee remediated her practice by her successful completion of continuing nursing education courses in Legal and Ethical Aspects of Nursing and Critical Thinking and judgment in Nursing Practice. The Licensee agrees that the Board shall impose a REPRIMAND on her license for her conduct admitted in Paragraph 2, effective as of the date on which the Board signs this Agreement (Effective Date).

¹ The term "license" applies to both a current license and the right to renew an expired license.

