



I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and certified copy of the document on file with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing.

[Handwritten Signature] *7/7/15*
Authorized Signature Date

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY

BOARD OF REGISTRATION
IN NURSING

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In the Matter of)
MARSHA ZONA)
RN License No. 150925)
License expiration date 7/13/2016)
_____)

Docket No. NUR-2013-0146

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR SUSPENSION

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing (Board) and Marsha Zona (Licensee), a Registered Nurse (RN) licensed by the Board, License No. 150925, 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) related to the conduct set forth in paragraph 2, identified as Docket No. NUR-2013-0146 (Complaint).
2. The Licensee admits that while employed as a Registered Nurse at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, MA, on or about April 8, 2013, her work locker was found to have large amounts of narcotic and non-narcotic controlled substances, including current and expired medications, in addition to other medical supplies. 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), (14), (16), (35), (38) and (47) 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.

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

3. The Licensee agrees to **SUSPENSION** of her nursing license for an indefinite period, commencing with the date on which the Board signs this Agreement (Effective Date).

4. After the Effective Date of this Agreement and when the Licensee can complete to the satisfaction of the Board all of the requirements set forth in this Paragraph the Licensee may petition the Board for reinstatement of her license. The petition must be in writing and must include the following documentation of the Licensee's ability to practice nursing in a safe and competent manner, all to the Board's satisfaction:
 - a. Evidence of completion of all continuing education required by Board regulations for the two (2) renewal cycles immediately preceding the date on which the Licensee submits her petition ("petition date");
 - b. A performance evaluation sent directly to the Board from each of the Licensee's employers, prepared on official letterhead that reviews the Licensee's attendance, general reliability, and specific job performance during the year immediately prior to the petition date².
 - c. Written verification sent directly to the Board from each of the Licensee's medical care providers, which meets the requirements set forth in Attachment B 1;
 - d. Authorization for the Board to obtain a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) report of the Licensee conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services.
 - e. Documentation that the Licensee has completed, at least one (1) year prior to the petition date, all requirements imposed upon her in connection with all criminal and/or administrative matter(s) arising from, or related to, the conduct identified in Paragraph 2³. Such documentation shall be certified and sent directly to the Board by the appropriate court or administrative body and shall include a description of the requirements and the disposition of each matter.
 - f. Certified documentation from the state board of nursing of each jurisdiction in which the Licensee has ever been licensed to practice as a nurse, sent directly to the Massachusetts Board identifying her license status and discipline history, and verifying that her nursing license is, or is eligible to be, in good standing and free of any restrictions or conditions.

² If the Licensee has not been employed during the year immediately prior to the petition date, she shall submit an affidavit to the Board so attesting.

³ If there have been no criminal or administrative matters against the Licensee arising from or in any way related to the conduct identified in Paragraph 2, the Licensee shall submit an affidavit so attesting.

- g. Submit documentation that she has successfully completed the following continuing education after the Effective Date:
- i. 6 contact hours of continuing education on the topic of Medication Administration and Documentation in Nursing, which includes a component of Maintaining the Security of Controlled Substances;
 - ii. 3 contact hours of continuing education on the topic of Legal and Ethical Aspects of Nursing;
 - iii. 3 contact hours of continuing education on the topic of Infection Control and Medication Administration; and
 - iv. 3 contact hours of continuing education on the topic of Critical Thinking and Judgment in Nursing Practice.
5. The Board may choose to reinstate the Licensee's license if the Board determines that reinstatement is in the best interests of the public at large. Any reinstatement of the Licensee's license may be conditioned upon the Licensee entering into a consent agreement for the PROBATION of her license for the duration, and including requirements, that the Board determines at the time of relicensure to be reasonably necessary in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare.
6. The Licensee agrees that she will not practice as a Registered Nurse in Massachusetts from the Effective Date unless and until the Board reinstates her license⁴.
7. The Board agrees that in return for the Licensee's execution of this Agreement it will not prosecute the complaint.
8. The Licensee understands that she has a right to formal adjudicatory hearing concerning the allegations against her and that during said adjudication she would possess the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, to call witnesses, to present evidence, to testify on her own behalf, to contest the allegations, to present oral argument, to appeal to the courts, and all other rights as set forth in the Massachusetts Administrative Procedures Act, G. L. c. 30A, and the Standard Adjudicatory Rules of Practice and Procedure, 801 CMR 1.01 *et seq.* The Licensee further understands that by executing this Agreement she is knowingly and voluntarily waiving her right to a formal adjudication of the complaints.

⁴ The Licensee understands that practice as a Registered Nurse includes, but is not limited to, seeking and/or accepting a paid or voluntary position as a Registered Nurse, or a paid or voluntary position requiring that the applicant hold a current Registered Nurse license. The Licensee further understands that if she accepts a voluntary or paid position as a Registered Nurse, or engages in any practice of nursing after the Effective Date and before the Board formally reinstates her license, evidence of such practice shall be grounds for the Board's referral of any such unlicensed practice to the appropriate law enforcement authorities for prosecution, as set forth in G. L. c. 112, ss. 65 and 80.

9. The Licensee acknowledges that she has been at all times free to seek and use legal counsel in connection with the complaint and this Agreement.
10. The Licensee acknowledges that after the Effective Date, the Agreement constitutes a public record of disciplinary action by the Board. The Board may forward a copy of this Agreement to other licensing boards, law enforcement entities, and other individuals or entities as required or permitted by law.
11. The Licensee certifies that she has read this Agreement. The Licensee understands and agrees that entering into this Agreement is a final act and not subject to reconsideration, appeal or judicial review.

[Signature] 6/24/15
Witness (sign and date)

Marsha Zona 6/24/15
Marsha Zona
Licensee (sign and date)

Witness (print name)

Amy Fein, RN, BSN, JD
Rula Harb, MSN, RN, Complaint Resolution Coord.
Executive Director Board Authorized Signatory
Board of Registration in Nursing

July 7, 2015
Effective Date of Suspension Agreement

Fully Signed Agreement Sent to Licensee on July 7, 2015 by Certified
Mail No. 7014-2120-0002-1353-50117