

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

IN RE: Elizabeth L. Bartlett, M.D.)
)
) CONSENT AGREEMENT
) FOR DISCIPLINE AND
) MODIFICATION OF LICENSE

This document is a Consent Agreement and Order, effective when signed by all parties, regarding discipline and the modification of a license to practice medicine in the State of Maine held by Elizabeth L. Bartlett, M.D. The parties to the Consent Agreement are: Elizabeth L. Bartlett, M.D. (the "Licensee"), the State of Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine (the "Board") and the Maine Department of Attorney General.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. The Licensee has been licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maine since 1992, and she has specialized in the practice of psychiatry.
2. During 2000 and 2001, the Licensee wrote prescriptions for herself, using both her professional and married names, in order to obtain controlled substances. The Licensee also obtained controlled substances by writing prescriptions for her husband and using them for herself.
3. On May 14, 2001, the Board issued a complaint against the Licensee for unprofessional conduct. Of her own accord, Dr. Bartlett is not practicing medicine.

DISCIPLINE

Based on the Licensee's taking responsibility for her actions, her continuing treatment of her substance abuse problem and her depression, the Board will issue and the Licensee will agree to accept the following discipline and modifications to her license:

1. The status of the Licensee's medical license will be changed from active to inactive on the effective date of this Agreement. The Licensee's medical license may remain inactive for as long as the Licensee desires.

2. In order to reinstate the Licensee's medical license to active status, the Licensee must first document six (6) months of continuous sobriety through participation in the Physicians Health If, during the period of monitoring, the Licensee has a urine test that documents use of alcohol or use of a controlled substance not prescribed by a physician knowledgeable of her Consent Agreement, then the Licensee must restart the six (6) month period of documented sobriety. There is no required date by which the Licensee must commence this process, nor is there any deadline by which the Licensee must have completed documentation of the six (6) months of continued sobriety.

3. When the Licensee begins the six (6) month period of documented sobriety, she will participate in the Physicians Health Program, pursuant to the terms of a written substance abuse monitoring Consent Agreement.

4. The Licensee has represented that she is receiving ongoing psychotherapy and that she plans to continue in psychotherapy. The Licensee agrees that if she seeks to reinstate her active medical license, she will provide authorization to the Board to obtain a summary of treatment and to discuss her treatment with Dr. Johnson.

CONDITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT OF ACTIVE LICENSURE

The Licensee and the Board agree and understand that reinstatement and maintenance of an active license shall be conditioned upon the Licensee's compliance with terms and conditions of licensure that shall be agreed upon at that time by the parties to a written Consent Agreement. Until such time as terms and conditions for reinstatement of active licensure are agreed by the parties, the Licensee may hold only an inactive medical license.

1. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

A. Notice. Unless otherwise specified in this Consent Agreement, written notice shall be deemed served upon mailing by first class mail, postage prepaid.

1. Notice to the Board:

State of Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine
Attention: Assistant Executive Director
137 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0137
Telephone: (207) 287-3601

2. Notice to the Licensee:

Elizabeth L. Bartlett, M.D.
65 Sherbrooke Avenue
Lewiston, Maine 04240

and to:

Kenneth W. Lehman, Esq.
Bernstein, Shur et al.
100 Middle Street
P.O. Box 9729
Portland, ME 04104-5029

B. Address Change. While her license is in Inactive status, if the Licensee moves her residence or changes telephone numbers at home, the Licensee shall provide notice to the Board within two weeks after such occurrence.

C. Severance. If any clause of this Consent Agreement is deemed illegal or invalid, then that clause shall be deemed severed from this Consent Agreement.

2. AMENDMENT OF CONSENT AGREEMENT. This Consent Agreement cannot be amended orally. It can be amended only by a writing signed by the parties hereto and approved by the Department of Attorney General.


A. Requests for amendments made by the Licensee shall be made in writing submitted to the Board.

B. The Board may also propose amendments by sending a written proposal to the Licensee.

3. ADVICE OF COUNSEL. The Licensee has been informed that he/she has the right to legal counsel. He/She has consulted with an attorney who has negotiated this Consent Agreement on his behalf.

I, ELIZABETH L. BARTLETT, M.D., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING, 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, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.


Dated: 8/7/02


Elizabeth L. Bartlett, M.D.

STATE OF MAINE
Cumberland, ss.

Dated: 8-7-02

Personally appeared before me the above named Elizabeth L. Bartlett, M.D. and swore to the truth of the foregoing based upon her own personal knowledge, or upon information and belief, and so far as upon information and belief, she believes it to be true.


Notary Public Attorney at Law
My Commission Expires: _____

Dated: 8-7-02


Counsel to Dr. Elizabeth L. Bartlett

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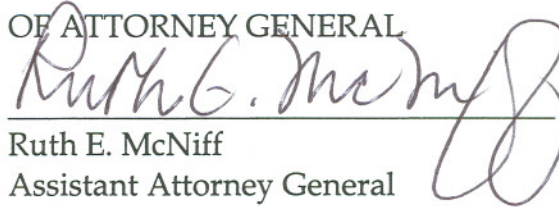
Dated: 9-10-02


Edward David, M.D., Chairman

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT

Dated: 9/10/02

OF ATTORNEY GENERAL


Ruth E. McNiff

Assistant Attorney General

EFFECTIVE DATE: