State of New Hampshire New Hampshire Board of Nursing Concord, New Hampshire 03301

In the Matter of:
Jose Bernardo Lopez
License #RN9519703)
Compact State - Florida

Docket No. 2022-NUR-LOPEZ-0074

PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT NOT TO PRACTICE

Jose Bernardo Lopez ("Respondent") is a Registered Nurse licensed in the State of Florida (Multi-State Compact) license number RN9519703, issued on September 10, 2019, with an expiration date of April 30, 2023. Respondent agrees to enter into this Voluntary Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice in the State of New Hampshire pending the outcome of an ongoing investigation and potential adjudication currently pending before the New Hampshire Board of Nursing.

Between December 19, 2021 and December 28, 2021, the Respondent, while employed as a Registered Nurse ("RN") at the Elliot Hospital located in Manchester, NH, engaged in nursing activities which may be in violation of NH RSA 326-B: 37, II.

The Respondent is no longer employed with the Elliot Hospital.

The Respondent enters into a Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board as follows:

 I, Jose Bernardo Lopez, voluntarily agree not to practice as a Registered Nurse or engage in any nursing activities in the State of New Hampshire, effective upon my signing this Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice.

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- 2. I admit to no violations of NH RSA 326-B or any administrative rules, ethical provisions, or any other laws, statutes, or regulations, adopted by the Board. I understand that this Preliminary Agreement does not constitute disciplinary action by the Board. My execution of this Preliminary Agreement will not be construed as any admission of wrongdoing.
- 3. Understanding that this Preliminary Agreement and the restrictions herein shall remain until further order of the Board. I hereby specifically waive any statute of limitations, or laches defense, which might be then available, including but not limited to, those based on RSA 332-G: 8 and RSA 332-G: 9.
- 4. I understand that this Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice shall remain in place until such time the ongoing investigation into this matter is completed and the adjudicatory process has been completed.
- 5. In the event that I apply for full licensure in the State of New Hampshire or attempt to seek employment in the State of New Hampshire while this agreement is in effect, I voluntarily agree to waive any statutory or administrative time deadlines regarding the Board's final action on any such license renewal application. I understand that by waiving such deadlines, the Board's final action on any such license renewal application will be automatically deferred until after the disposition of this Board matter and that my license will not expire while this Preliminary Agreement is in effect.
- 6. I voluntarily enter into this Preliminary Agreement with the Board and state that no promises or representations have been made to me other than those terms and conditions expressly stated herein.

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- 7. I further understand that this document shall become a permanent part of my file and will be maintained by the Board as a public document upon execution by the Board as a Board Order.
- 8. I have had the opportunity to seek and obtain the advice of an attorney of my choosing in connection with my decision to sign this Preliminary Agreement.
- 9. I am of sound mind and not under the influence of any substance that would impair my judgement at the time I sign this Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice.
- 10. I understand that my failure to comply with the terms of this Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice shall constitute unprofessional conduct under RSA 326-B: 37 and may subject me to discipline under RSA 326-B: 37

FOR RESPONDENT

Respondent (Jose Bernardo/Lopez)

FOR THE BOARD

This Preliminary Agreement is hereby accepted in accordance with the binding terms and conditions set forth above and shall issue as an Order of the Board upon execution by the Board.

Authorized Representative of the New

Hampshire Board of Nursing