

## **SUSPENSION**

**Anne Breton**

**Lake Echo, Nova Scotia**

**CLPNNS Reg. No. 10177**



On November 3, 2006, the Discipline Committee of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia (the College) accepted a Settlement Agreement agreed upon by the College and Anne Breton, and recommended by the Complaints Committee of the College.

The Settlement Agreement was advanced pursuant to Section 25 of the Licensed Practical Nurses Regulations. In the Settlement Agreement, Ms. Breton admitted to the following allegations as set out in the Notice of Hearing:

1. During the period October, 2004 to March, 2005, Ms. Breton failed to provide required patient care;
2. On or about October 19, 2004, Ms. Breton failed to respect a client's privacy by transferring the patient without appropriate cover;
3. On or about January 29, 30 and 31, 2005, Ms. Breton failed to complete her charting and when asked to complete it, signed her name to blank sheets of paper;
4. Ms. Breton engaged in inappropriate behaviour and communication with patients, in that she allowed patients to become too personal and casual with her;
5. On or about February 11, 2005, Ms. Breton failed to provide appropriate patient safety measures by not adhering to standard infection control precautions; and
6. On or about March 3, 2005, Ms. Breton removed a suture without a physician's order.

Ms. Breton admitted the above allegations and agreed they constituted professional misconduct.

The Settlement Agreement provides that Ms. Breton's license to practice nursing shall be suspended until such time as she completes the full LPN Re-Entry Program at the Nova Scotia Community College. The Re-Entry Program shall include a clinical component in an acute care setting, and the faculty advisor for the Nurse Re-Entry Program shall be provided with a copy of all material available to the Complaints Committee of the College in this matter and a full copy of the Settlement Agreement. Ms. Breton is responsible for the cost of the Nursing Re-Entry Program.