

August 31, 1994

Linda Mills, RN
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Dear Ms. Mills:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse employed by a penal institution serving on a disciplinary board for inmates was presented to the Board at its meeting on August 26, 1994.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied the issue at its July 25 meeting and formulated a recommendation to the Board of Nursing. On August 26, the Board considered the recommendation of the Committee as well as additional information received after the Committee meeting. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In response to Agenda Item #4.6, the Board adopted the opinion that, in a correctional institution, it is inappropriate for registered nurses who are involved in a direct nurse/patient relationship with the inmates, prior to the hearing, to serve on a disciplinary committee.

The Nursing Practice Committee and the entire Board appreciated your contributions to their discussion of the issue.

If you have questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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cc: Kelly D. Ward, Warden

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