BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson #1051 Topeka, Kansas 66612-1230

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IN THE MATTER OF VIRGINIA BRADLEY

OAH No. 16BN0062

License No. 13-58150-051 Case No. 15-1006-0

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER AND PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER

This matter comes on for prehearing before the Kansas State Board of Nursing (Board/Petitioner). Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-514, Sandra L. Sharon was appointed Administrative Law Judge (ALJ)/Presiding Officer. The Board appears through Bryce D. Benedict, Disipliary Counsel for the Board. The respondent, Virginia Bradley, failed to appear. In consideration of this matter, a Proposed Default Order is entered against respondent.

The presiding ALJ finds as follows:

- 1. The respondent is licensed to practice nursing in the State of Kansas.
- 2. The Petitioner, the Kansas State Board of Nursing Board, has jurisdiction over the respondent and the subject matter of this action.
- 3. On October 29, 2015, a Petition was filed by the Board seeking revocation of the respondent's nursing license. It was sent to her at her last known address and was not returned as undeliverable.
- 4. On November 2, 2015 and December 7, 2015, a Notice of Prehearing Conference was sent to the respondent. The conference was scheduled for March 29, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The notices were not returned as undeliverable.
- 5. On March 29, 2016, a prehearing conference was convened. The Board appeared by disciplinary counsel, Bryce D. Benedict. The respondent did not appear in person or by phone.
- 6. Pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.) 77-520(a), "[i]f a party fails to attend or participate in a prehearing conference, hearing or other

stage of an adjudicative proceeding, the presiding officer may serve upon all parties written notice of a proposed default order."

- 7. The respondent is in default pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520.
- 8. This Proposed Default Order shall become effective and deemed an initial order, seven days after service or ten days after mailing of this order unless the respondent files a written motion stating why the Proposed Default Order should be vacated and the order is then vacated. A motion to vacate shall be mailed or personally delivered to: Kansas State Board of Nursing, Legal Division, Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Ste. 1051, Topeka KS 66612-1230, with a copy to be mailed or personally delivered to: Sandra L. Sharon, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1020 S. Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66612-1327.
- 9. If this Proposed Default Order becomes effective, the allegations contained in the Petition will be deemed uncontroverted and the Petition will be granted and incorporated into this order as if fully set forth herein. The respondent's license to practice nursing will be revoked. The respondent will immediately forward his or her original Kansas nursing license to the Board.
- 10. In addition, costs of the action in the amount of \$100.00 will be assessed to the respondent to be paid to the Board by cashier's check or money order within 30 days of the effective date of this order.

The presiding ALJ, being well and duly advised in the premises, now enters this Proposed Default Order against the respondent. It shall take effect as specified in the above findings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Appeal Rights and Other Administrative Relief

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520, if the proposed default order becomes effective, it is deemed an initial order, as set forth above. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-527, either party may request review of the initial order by filing a petition for review with the Kansas State Board of Nursing within 15 days from date the order is deemed an initial order. Failure to timely request review may preclude further judicial review. Petitions for review shall be mailed or personally delivered to: Kansas State Board of Nursing, Legal Division, Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Ste. 1051, Topeka, KS 66612-1230.

If neither party requests review, the initial order becomes a final order and is binding on the 30th day following its mailing.

A party may seek judicial review of a final order by filing a petition for judicial review pursuant to K.S.A. 77-601, *et seq*. Reconsideration of a final order is not a prerequisite to judicial review. A copy of any petition for judicial review shall be served on Mary Blubaugh, Executive Administrator, Kansas State Board of Nursing, 900 SW Jackson, Suite 1051, Topeka, KS 66612-1230.

Sandra L. Sharon

Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

1020 S. Kansas Ave.

Topeka, KS 66612-1327

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On March 30, 2016, I mailed this original document through State Building Mail to:

Mary Blubaugh Executive Administrator Kansas State Board of Nursing 900 SW Jackson, LSOB, Ste. 1051 Topeka, KS 66612 Telephone: 785-296-4325

and a copy of this document through State Building Mail to:

Bryce D. Benedict Assistant Attorney General Disciplinary Counsel for the Kansas State Board of Nursing 900 SW Jackson, LSOB, Ste. 1051 Topeka, KS 66612 Telephone: 785-296-4325

And a copy of this document through first class mail to:

Virginia Bradley 157 S. Bleckley Wichita, KS 67218-1519

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PETITION

COMES NOW the petitioner, the Kansas State Board of Nursing, by and through
Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Board, Michael R. Fitzgibbons, and for its cause of
action states that:

- 1. Responden, Virginia Bradley, is a licensed to practice nursing in Kansas. The Board has jurisdiction over the respondent and the subject matter of this action.
- 2. Respondent's address of record is 157 S. Bleckley Wichita, Kansas 67218-1519.
- 3. After an investigation, the Board's investigative committee found reasonable grounds to believe that the respondent violated the Kansas Nurse Practice Act, K.S.A. 65-1120, and referred this matter for further proceedings.
- 4. The Kansas State Board of Nursing has the authority under K.S.A. 74-1106 et seq. to examine, license and renew license for duly qualified applicants and may limit, deny, suspend or revoke a license or authorization to practice nursing, may issue a public or private censure and levy administrative fines consistent with K.S.A. 74-1110, if a violation of K.S.A. 65-1120(a) is established.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

- 5. The facts below are common to all counts:
 - (a) According to a report, it is alleged that while you were employed at South Central Kansas Medical Center, licensee diverted controlled substances from work.
 - (b) This incident allegedly occurred on or about the 27th day of April, 2015.

- (c) Licensee documented "waste" on two controlled substances when the medications were not available to visualize and verified by a second nurse.
- (d) There were concerns by witnesses that Licensee could have possibly taken the medications.
- (e) Licensee admitted to cleaning up the floor that included syringes, needles, medication vials etc and threw it in the trash.
- (f) She admitted that she should not have discarded medication and denied taking them.
- (g) On the 30th day of April, 2015, she went for drug screen and the results were negative.
- (h) Employer indicated that the drugs would have been out of her system by the 30th day of April, 2015 as drugs were missing on the 20th day of April, 2015.
- (i) Employer stated due to licensee's suicide statement, statement of no support and tearful throughout the interview, employer made referral to KNAP.

VIOLATIONS

- 6. Respondent has violated the Kansas Nurse Practice Act as follows:
- Count 1: K.S.A. 65 1120(a)(1) unprofessional conduct by fraud or deceit in practicing nursing.
- Count 2: K.S.A. 65-1120 (e) (3) professional incompetence as defined as a pattern of practice or other behavior which demonstrates a manifest incapacity or incompetence to practice nursing
- Count 3 K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6), unprofessional conduct, by drug diversion K.A.R. 60-3-110(n) in past conduct;
- Count 4 K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(7), willfully and repeatedly violation provisions of the Kansas Nurse Practice Act by failing to complete the requirements of impaired provider program

KAR 60-3-110(s).

Count 5: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(4) unable to practice with skill and safety due to current abuse of drugs or alcohol.

WHEREFORE, petitioner requests a finding that the respondent has violated the Nurse Practice Act, that respondent's license to practice nursing in Kansas be revoked, and that costs of this action be assessed to the respondent in the amount of \$100.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Schmidt Kansas Attorney General

Michael R. Fitzgibbons #12287 **Assistant Attorney General** Kansas State Board of Nursing Landon State Office Building 900 SW Jackson #1051

Topeka, KS 66612