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Nicole L. Goodrow 3042 SW Mulvane Street Topeka, KS 66611 Case No. 05-747-8 License No. 13-071209-121

## **SUMMARY ORDER**

Dear Ms. Goodrow:

The Investigative Committee of the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) has reviewed your application materials. It is the decision of the Board that your reinstatement application to practice nursing as a registered nurse in Kansas is denied. This denial is based upon the following:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. (a) Respondent submitted an application to the Board for reinstatement on January 5, 2006 as a registered nurse in the State of Kansas.
- (b) Respondent had an RN license No. 13-71209-121 and it lapsed on 1/3/2006. The respondent reported several misdemeanor convictions on her reinstatement application, but failed to submit a certified copy of court documents or an explanatory letter for each conviction. Respondent admitted to a DUI conviction in Topeka, Kansas, Douglas and Jefferson counties. Documents from the show that the respondent was assessed on 12/28/2004 Respondent self referred to on 2/25/2005 but has failed to remain compliant and is currently not enrolled in the program. Her case was closed on 8/26/2005, due to her failure to follow through.
- (c) Respondent subsequently submitted documentation from Topeka Municipal Court, Douglas and Jefferson counties which confirm her convictions of DUI on 2/19/2005, 7/22/2005 and 10/24/2005 respectively. Respondent also provided documentation of a prior DUI on 9/28/1991 and diversion in Ellis County, Kansas.



Respondent was non-compliant with her relapse prevention program after discharge and relapsed on 5/23/2005. Respondent committed two DUI's since

(f) Respondent has not shown that she is currently safe to practice.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

2. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1120(a), the Kansas State Board of Nursing may deny, revoke, limit or suspend any license, certificate of qualification or authorization to practice nursing as a registered professional nurse, as a licensed practical nurse, as an advanced registered nurse practitioner or as a registered nurse anesthetist that is issued by the board or applied for under this act or may publicly or privately censure a licensee or holder of a certificate of qualification or authorization, if the applicant, licensee or holder of a certificate of qualification or authorization is found to have violated the Nurse Practice Act. The above fact findings establish evidence that the applicant violated the following provisions of the Nurse Practice Act:

Count 1: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(4), to be unable to practice with skill and safety due to current abuse of drugs or alcohol.

Count 2: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(2) "to have been guilty of a felony or to have been guilty of a misdemeanor involving an illegal drug offense unless the applicant or licensee establishes sufficient rehabilitation to warrant the public trust..."

Count 3: K.S.A. 65–1120(a)(6), unprofessional conduct by K.A.R. 60-3-110 (s) failing to complete the requirements of the impaired provider program of the board.

- 2. K.S.A. 77-511(a)(2)(A) of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act authorizes the use of summary proceedings by a state agency when denying an application in whole or in part.
- Your conduct described herein violates the Kansas Nurse Practice Act.
- 4. The role of the Kansas State Board of Nursing is to protect citizens of Kansas.
- 5. If you wish to dispute this matter, contact the Board immediately by following the procedure for requesting a hearing. A copy of your application will be sent to you upon request.
- 6. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, this decision, which is called a Summary Order, is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must submit or direct a written request for hearing to:

Kansas State Board of Nursing Legal Division 900 SW Jackson, Suite 1051 Topeka, Kansas 66612-1230 (785) 296-4325

THIS REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER. If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated above, this

Summary Order becomes effective and final upon the expiration of the time for requesting a hearing.

Judith Hiner, RN, BSN, CNA Investigative Committee, Chair Kansas State Board of Nursing CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2007, the foregoing copy of the Summary Order was served by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Nicole L. Goodrow 3042 SW Mulvane Street Topeka, KS 66611

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