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BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
AUDREY N. MILLER
License No. 13-096589-121**

Case No. 05-409-3

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

NOW ON THIS 15th day of March, 2007, the Kansas State Board of Nursing, represented by Assistant Attorney General, Mark A. Knight, and the Respondent, Audrey N. Miller, hereby enter into this agreement and proffer evidence and the hearing officer adopts those recommendations and makes the following findings of fact and orders:

AGREED FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is licensed to practice nursing in Kansas through 12/31/2007. The Kansas State Board of Nursing (Board) has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this action.
2. Respondent's address of record is PO Box 538, Inman, KS 67546.
3. The Respondent understands that pursuant to K.S.A. 77-515, respondent may be represented at respondent's expense by, an attorney during these proceedings.
4. 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.
5. 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 is established.
6. (a) Respondent submitted an application for licensure as a nurse in the state of Kansas. In the application Respondent answered "Yes" to the question regarding whether she

had been convicted of a misdemeanor. Respondent also answered "Yes" to the question regarding action being taken by another agency.

(b) On or about 4/8/2004 Respondent was convicted of Minor in possession of alcohol, a misdemeanor, in the Municipal Court of Inman, Kansas.

(c) On or about 5/28/2004 Respondent's license to drive in the state of Kansas was suspended.

(d) On or about 5/6/2005 Respondent entered a Diversion Agreement with the Municipal Court of Hutchinson, Kansas having been charged with Driving Under the Influence.

(e) On or about 5/22/2005 Respondent's license to drive in the state of Kansas was suspended.

(f) On or about 6/16/2005 Respondent was referred by the Kansas State Board of Nursing to the [REDACTED] for evolution. On or about 7/28/2005 Respondent entered [REDACTED]. On or about 12/28/2005 Respondent submitted to a urine drug screen which tested positive for alcohol in violation of her contract with [REDACTED]. Respondent admitted to drinking alcohol on or about 12/27/2005.

7. The above incidents are violations of the nurse practice act. The Respondent agrees that the board is prepared to prove that respondent has violated: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(4), to be unable to practice with skill and safety due to current abuse of drugs or alcohol; 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.

8. Respondent has the right to a hearing with evidence and witnesses and to seek review of the findings from that hearing in accordance with the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act and the Act for Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement of agency actions. Respondent is waiving those rights and voluntarily entering into this agreement instead of proceeding to such a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9. 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 is established.

10. Respondent has violated the Kansas Nurse Practice Act as follows:

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)(6), unprofessional conduct by K.A.R. 60-3-110 (s) failing to complete the requirements of the impaired provider program of the board.

POLICY STATEMENT

11. The role of the Kansas State Board of Nursing is to protect citizens of Kansas.

DISPOSITION

12. By entering into this Consent Agreement and consenting to the entry of the Final Order, both parties waive their right to full administrative proceedings pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1120 and K.S.A.77-501 et seq. and to judicial review.

13. Based upon this agreement, and pursuant to the disciplinary remedies available in K.S.A. 65-1120, the parties agree that this Consent Agreement will continue through any renewal periods of respondent's nursing license until respondent completes each of the conditions and requirements of this agreement. Further, the parties agree that in the event of a lapse of Respondent's nursing license, reinstatement of Respondent's nursing license shall be contingent upon this Consent Agreement and Final Order remaining in effect until Respondent completes each of the conditions and requirements of this agreement.

14. Based upon this agreement, and pursuant to the disciplinary remedies available in K.S.A. 65-1120, the parties agree that the Respondent's license to practice nursing in Kansas is immediately suspended. The suspension will be stayed as long as the requirements and conditions of this agreement are met.

15. The Kansas State Board of Nursing will not take additional disciplinary action against respondent's nursing license for the violations stated above as long as respondent completes each of the following conditions and requirements:

(a) Respondent shall **return his or her current license card to the Board with this Consent Agreement**. Respondent shall receive a license card which shall be issued with an "S" placed in the status code portion of the license card to indicate that the license is suspended with a Stay.

(b) **Respondent will participate in and complete the reasonable recommendations and requirements of the Kansas Nurses Assistance Program (KNAP);** sign releases of information necessary for KNAP to evaluate and monitor respondent and for KNAP to report information to the board. Respondent will be deemed to have completed the KNAP program when KNAP issues written notification that respondent has completed the program. Noncompliance with KNAP is a violation of this agreement.

(c) **Respondent must submit to random drug screens as determined or selected by the Board or by KNAP.** The costs of the drug screens will be paid by the respondent. Respondent agrees that a Positive Drug Screen is a violation of this agreement.

(d) **Respondent shall immediately notify the Legal Division of any use of alcohol, if prohibited by KNAP, or controlled substances, or any violation of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.**

(e) **The respondent shall immediately inform all employers and prospective employers of this Consent Agreement and the Final Order.**

(f) Respondent **shall send a money order for \$70 to the Board upon entering into this agreement to pay the cost of this action.**

(h) Respondent **shall not violate the Kansas Nurse Practice Act** during the duration of this agreement.

(i) Respondent **shall not violate the laws of the United States, of State, or of any political subdivision of any State** during the term of this agreement. Traffic infractions shall not be considered violations of the law.

(g) **Respondent agrees to notify the Legal Division of any changes in address and phone number as well as all employment terminations or employer changes or additions.** All such notifications shall be made in writing within fourteen (14) days of such a change.

16. Respondent is responsible for the costs related to satisfying these conditions and requirements.

17. If Respondent does not meet these conditions and requirements, the Kansas State Board of Nursing may request additional sanctions against Respondent's license or application for a license. Respondent would be sent notice of such action and would be entitled to a hearing as to whether Respondent had complied with this Consent Agreement, but Respondent could not contest the violations listed in this agreement.

18. All parties understand that if an action based on failure to meet the conditions and requirements of this Consent Agreement is filed, K.S.A. 77-531 requires the Notice of Hearing to be served upon the Respondent and the Respondent's attorney of record, if any. All parties agree that only serving the Notice of Hearing upon the Respondent will be proper service and it is the Respondent's responsibility to contact his or her attorney, if any, in reference to the action.

19. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon a finding of Respondent not complying with the conditions or requirements of this Consent Agreement, the Stay of Suspension of

Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Kansas, shall be lifted. Respondent will not be allowed to practice nursing in the state of Kansas during the period the Stay is lifted.

20. The Board will inactivate this case file once respondent satisfies this agreement. This agreement does not prohibit the agency from taking disciplinary action against Respondent's license for any additional or cumulative violation of the Kansas Nurse Practice Act committed by the Respondent before or after this agreement is entered into.

21. This agreement is a discipline and must be reported on any future renewal or reinstatement applications. This agreement is a contract entered into by the parties to resolve an investigative case. The original of this agreement shall be placed in the Agency Record and is a public record.

22. By signing this Consent Agreement and Final Order, Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read and understands the entire document, and agrees to be bound by its terms. This Consent Agreement and Final Order constitute the entire agreement of the parties and may not be modified except in writing and approved by all parties.

23. After successful completion of all of the conditions and requirements of this Consent Agreement by the respondent, the Consent Agreement will be satisfied and the case will be inactivated.

24. The hearing/presiding officer whose signature appears below has been designated pursuant to K.S.A. 77-514 and K.S.A. 77-526 to act on behalf of the Board/agency head and to hear discipline cases on behalf of the Board/agency head and to render either initial orders or final orders, if by agreement of both parties, in those discipline cases.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto execute this CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Audrey N. Miller
Respondent
PO Box 538
Inman, KS 67546

Audrey N. Miller must sign before a Notary Public.

State of Kansas, County of McPherson
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before, me by Audrey N. Miller

on this 9th day of March, 2007.

Signature of Notary Public My Commission Expires 10/03/2009
(Notary Public Seal)

BARBARA J. TUXHORN
Notary Public - State of Kansas
My Appt. Expires 10/03/2009

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Terry E. Beck, Hearing Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On the 19th day of March, 2007, I mailed a copy of this CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER to:

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