

**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 HEATHER LeANN SCHACHTNER (ADAMSON)**

**KSBN**

**License No. 13-109397-062 REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT**

**Case No. 14-2108-0**

**SUMMARY ORDER**

NOW ON THIS 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, THE ABOVE MATTER COMES

BEFORE THE Kansas State Board of Nursing (Board) pursuant to authority granted to the Board by K.S.A. 65-1120. The Board hereby proposed to find facts and take disciplinary action against the licensee's license by way of Summary Order as provided by K.S.A. 77-537.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. This Licensee has an application for reinstatement to practice nursing in the state of Kansas. The Board has jurisdiction over the Licensee and the subject matter of this action.
2. Licensee's address of record is 8480 High Street DeSoto, Kansas 66018.
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. Review of the information gathered by the Board revealed the following upon which this action is based.
  - (a) According to a report, applicant has submitted an application for reinstatement of her nursing license on the 23rd day of January, 2015.
  - (b) While employed at Freeman Health System, a narcotic audit revealed discrepancies in licensee's practice.
  - (c) Licensee/Applicant was interviewed on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014 and admitted to diverting narcotics for her personal use since employment began with Freeman and her prior employer.
  - (d) Licensee/Applicant entered into a Settlement Agreement with Missouri Board of Nursing for the above actions with terms and conditions, including probation for five years on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.
  - (e) Licensee/Applicant was referred to KNAP for evaluation and monitoring on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2015.
  - (f) Licensee/Applicant signed a three year agreement with KNAP on the 11<sup>th</sup> day March, 2015.

(g) Licensee/Applicant notified KSBN that she no longer wants a Kansas Nursing license on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

(h) The KNAP case closed as unsuccessful.

5. This Licensee violated the Nurse Practice Act by unprofessional conduct by failing to comply with the KNAP program to assure the Board of sobriety and possible monitoring.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

b. 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).

6. 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 authorization, if the Licensee, Licensee or holder of a certificate of qualifications or authorization is found to have violated the Nurse Practice Act.

7. The above fact findings established evidence that the Licensee violated the following provisions of the Nurse Practice Act:

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

Count 2: 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).

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

#### POLICY STATEMENT

1. Use of alcohol affecting the ability of the nurse to practice safely.


2. Failure to comply with the impaired provider program is a violation of the public trust and places patients at risk.
3. Monitoring the nurse when returning to nursing is essential to assure public safety.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING THAT**

1. Licensee's reinstatement application to practice nursing in the state of Kansas is denied.
2. Licensee shall pay \$100.00 costs of this action to the Board within thirty (30) days of the effective day of this Order.


Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, the decision, which is called a Summary Order, is subject to your request for 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, this Summary Order becomes effective as a final order, without further notice, upon the expiration of the time for requesting a hearing.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-531, if the Summary Order is served by mail, three days are added to the time limits set out above.

  
Judith Hiner RN, BSN  
Investigative Committee, Chair  
Kansas State Board of Nursing

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, I deposited a copy of this SUMMARY ORDER with the United States Postal Service, postage pre-paid, addressed to:  
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