

January 22, 2009

Patricia A. Vernon
616 Mobile Lane
Saint Joseph, MO 64506

Case No. 06-1109-0, 08-581-0
License No 13-055012-112

SUMMARY ORDER

Dear Ms. Vernon:

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) On or about 6/9/2008, the Board received Respondent's application for reinstatement of her license to practice nursing in the state of Kansas as a licensed practical nurse. Respondent's nursing license in Kansas lapsed in Kansas in 1990. Respondent was licensed in Missouri in 1989 and her license was revoked on 12/12/06 due to her failure to comply with a Missouri Board Order issued 6/17/06. Respondent does not present any evidence of her efforts to reinstate her license in Missouri or to resolve the reasons for the revocation of her license in Missouri.

(b) Respondent was placed on probation by the Missouri Board and ordered to participate in random drug screening and to submit employer evaluations. Respondent failed to do both and after an opportunity to cure the failure, the respondent failed to respond to the Missouri Board and provide proof of compliance. Respondent's license to practice nursing was revoked. The Respondent was originally placed on probation in Missouri due to diversion of drugs and positive urinalysis for Propoxyphene.

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:

(a) K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(8), to have a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse or as a practical nurse denied, revoked, limited or suspended, or to be publicly or privately censured, by a licensing authority of another state, agency of the United States government, territory of the United States or country or to have other disciplinary action taken against the applicant or licensee by a licensing authority of another state, agency of the United States government, territory of the United States or country.

3. 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.
4. Your conduct described herein violates the Kansas Nurse Practice Act.
5. The role of the Kansas State Board of Nursing is to protect citizens of Kansas.
6. 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.
7. 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.



Janet Jacobs, LPN
Investigative Committee, Chair
Kansas State Board of Nursing

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 22nd day of January, 2009, 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:

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