

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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

MAR 13 2008

**IN THE MATTER OF
SHARON G. NELSON
License No. 13-073869-082**

**Case No. 02-050-9
OAH No. 08BN0033 KSBN**

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

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NOW ON THIS 11th day of March, 2008, the Kansas State Board of

KSBN

Nursing, represented by Assistant Attorney General, Mark A. Knight, and the Respondent, Sharon G. Nelson, 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 8/31/2008. The Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this action.
2. Respondent's address of record is 19391 Seven Sisters Road, Leavenworth, KS 66048.
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) Information from the [REDACTED] indicates that [REDACTED] Respondent entered treatment in Topeka on or about January of 2002. Respondent [REDACTED]



[REDACTED] reported four day binge, during which time Respondent smoked approximately \$2000 worth of cocaine. [REDACTED]

Records indicate [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a positive drug screen for marijuana on or about 5/13/03.

(b) As a result of the positive drug screen, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(c) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(d) On 8/18/05 Respondent tested positive for alcohol. Respondent reported her intention to enter a twelve month treatment program.

(e) On or about July 31, 2006 Respondent entered a Consent Agreement with the Board. [REDACTED] On or about 8/31/2006 Respondent's license to practice nursing in Kansas Lapsed. Respondent continued to comply with the July 31, 2006 Consent Agreement. On or about 11/27/2006 Respondent submitted an application to reinstate her license to practice nursing in Kansas.

(f) On or about 12/6/2006, Respondent entered a Consent Agreement and Final Order. Pursuant to the 12/6/2006 Consent Agreement and Final Order, Respondent was issued a License to practice nursing in Kansas. The license was immediately suspended and the suspension was stayed conditioned on Respondent following the conditions and requirements of the 12/6/2006 Consent Agreement and Final Order.

(g) Pursuant to the 12/6/2006 Consent Agreement and Final Order Respondent was required to submit to random drug screens as determined or selected by the Board or by KNAP.

(h) On or about 8/7/2007, Respondent submitted to a drug screen as directed by

█. The result of the drug screen was positive for cocaine.

(i) Pursuant to the 12/6/2006 Consent Agreement and Final Order Respondent was prohibited from violating the laws of the United States, of State, or of any political subdivision of any State during the term of the 12/6/2006 Consent Agreement and Final Order.

(j) On or about 11/28/2007, Respondent was convicted of Attempted Forgery, a felony, in the District Court of Leavenworth County, Kansas, case number 2007-CR-000685. Said offense having occurred on or about 4/20/2007. Respondent is currently serving a sentence of probation in case number 2007-CR-000685.

(k) On or about 2/20/2006, Petitioner filed a Petition to lift the stay of suspension ordered in the 12/6/2006 Consent Agreement and Final Order.

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; K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6), unprofessional conduct by K.A.R. 60-3-110(r), failing to comply with any disciplinary order of the board; 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 without establishing sufficient rehabilitation.

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 failing to complete the requirements of the impaired provider program of the board; K.A.R. 30-3-110 (s) Count 3:

Count 3: K.S.A. 65–1120(a)(6), unprofessional conduct by K.A.R. 60-3-110(r), failing to comply with any disciplinary order of the board.

Count 4: 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 without establishing sufficient rehabilitation.

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 the **Respondent's license to practice nursing in Kansas is immediately suspended. The license will remain suspended for a period of six months from the effective date of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.** At the end of

this initial six month suspension the suspension will be stayed if the following conditions and requirement have been met:

If Respondent participates in and remains compliant with KNAP during this initial six month period of suspension imposed by this consent agreement and final order the following conditions apply regarding stay of the suspension: (a)

Respondent is in compliance with all conditions and requirements of this consent agreement and final order; (b) Respondent is in compliance with all statutory requirements for licensure as a nurse in the State of Kansas; (c) KNAP has issued a written statement to the Kansas State Board of Nursing which states the Respondent has submitted to multiple drug screens during the six month suspension imposed by this consent agreement and final order without any of the drug screens being positive for substances prohibited by KNAP; (d) KNAP has issued a written statement to the Kansas State Board of Nursing which states the Respondent has been compliant with KNAP during the six month suspension imposed by this consent agreement and final order; (e) KNAP has issued a written statement to the Kansas State Board of Nursing which states the Respondent is safe to practice nursing in the State of Kansas.

If Respondent does not participate in or does not remain compliant with KNAP during this initial six month period of suspension imposed by this consent agreement and final order the following conditions apply regarding stay of the suspension: (a) Respondent is in compliance with all conditions and requirements of this consent agreement and final order; (b) Respondent is in compliance with all statutory requirements for licensure as a nurse in the State of Kansas; (c) Respondent has entered the Kansas Nurses Assistance Program (KNAP); (d) KNAP has issued a written statement to the Kansas State Board of Nursing which states the Respondent has submitted to at least one drug screen since the end of the six month suspension imposed by this consent agreement and final order, the result of which is negative for

substances prohibited by KNAP; (e) KNAP has issued a written statement to the Kansas State Board of Nursing which states that the Respondent has completed two consecutive months of compliance in KNAP since the end of the six month suspension imposed by this consent agreement and final order; (f) KNAP has issued a written statement to the Kansas State Board of Nursing which states the Respondent is safe to practice nursing in the State of Kansas.

14. 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.

15. Based upon this agreement, and pursuant to the disciplinary remedies available in K.S.A. 65-1120, the parties agree that once the initial suspension of Respondent's license to practice nursing in Kansas is stayed pursuant to paragraph 13 of this Consent Agreement and Final Order, the suspension will be stayed as long as the requirements and conditions of this agreement are met.

16. 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.** Once Respondent's license to practice nursing in Kansas has been stayed pursuant to paragraph 13 of this Consent Agreement and Final Order, 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) **With the exception of the initial six month period of suspension imposed by this consent agreement and final order, 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.

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

(h) 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.

(i) **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.**

(j) **Respondent will not violate her probation agreement in Leavenworth County, Kansas, District Court case number 2007-CR-000685.** Respondent agrees to **immediately report any violations of her probation** agreement in case number 2007-CR-000685 to the Kansas State Board of Nursing.

Respondent acknowledges and agrees that Respondent is responsible for the costs related to satisfying the conditions and requirements of this Consent Agreement. Respondent further acknowledges and agrees that to provide the Board with false information regarding compliance with this Consent Agreement is a violation of this Consent Agreement.

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.

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.

17. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon a first 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 for a period of six months from the date of said finding. Respondent will not be allowed to practice nursing in the state of Kansas during the period of suspension.

18. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon a second or subsequent 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 for a period of one year from the date of said finding. Respondent will not be allowed to practice nursing in the state of Kansas during the period of suspension.

19. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon the Stay of Suspension being lifted due to a finding of non-compliance with this Consent Agreement, the Suspension will not again be Stayed until the Respondent has, following the prescribed time period of suspension, provided written verification to the Board that Respondent is in compliance with all conditions and requirements of this Consent Agreement. Upon the Respondent providing said written verification the suspension will again be stayed.

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. This Consent Agreement and Final Order supersedes the Amended Consent Agreement and Final Order entered into by the parties on December 6, 2006 in KSBN case number 02-050-9. Further this Consent Agreement and Final Order resolves the Amended Petition To Lift Stay Of Suspension filed on 2/20/2008 in KSBN case number 02-050-9.

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. 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.

25. 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.

Sharon G Nelson
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Sharon G. Nelson
Respondent
19391 Seven Sisters Road
Leavenworth, KS 66048

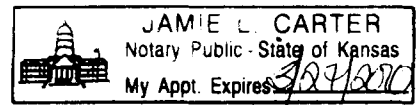
Sharon G. Nelson must sign before a Notary Public.

State of Kansas, County of Leavenworth ss.
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before, me by Sharon G. Nelson

on this 10th day of March, 2008.

Jamie L Carter
Signature of Notary Public

My Commission Expires 3/27/2010
(Notary Public Seal)



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On the 13th day of March, 2008, I mailed a copy of this CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER to:

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