

**BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

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

FILED

**IN THE MATTER OF NANCY ANN THUMMEL**

OCT 21 2015

**License No. 13-83524-041**

KSBN

**Case No.13-524-9**

**INITIAL AGREED ORDER**

NOW ON THE 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 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 by way of Summary Order as provided by K.S.A. 77-537.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent, Nancy Ann Thummel, is licensed to practice nursing in Kansas. The Board has jurisdiction over the Licensee and the subject matter of the action.
2. Respondent's address of record is 602 Spring Garden Atchison, Kansas 660023.  
The case was submitted to the Investigative Committee on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August, 2014.
4. Review of the investigation and other information gathered by the Board revealed the following information upon which the action is based.
5. 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 the matter for further proceedings.
6. 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.

7. A Summary order may be to revoke licensee's license as disciplinary action against the licensee's license.

8. The above incidents are violations of the nurse practice act. The Respondent agrees that the board is prepared to prove that respondent has violated the act and stipulates to the allegations alleged in the Petition.

Respondent has violated the Kansas Nurse Practice Act as follows:

Count 1: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6), unprofessional conduct, exploitation, which shall be defined as misappropriating a patient's property or taking unfair advantage of a patient's physical or financial resources for the licensee's or another individual's personal or financial advantage by use of undue influence, coercion, harassment, duress, deception, false pretense or false representation; KAR 60-3-110 (o).

Count 2: K.S.A. 65 1120(a)(1) unprofessional conduct by fraud or deceit in practicing nursing.

10. The facts below are common to all counts:

- (a) According to a report, it is alleged that licensee committed fiduciary abuse regarding her step daughter and others.
- (b) These incidents allegedly occurred on or about 2012 to 2013.
- (c) Licensee has been charged with a Severity Level 3 Person Felony in the District Court of Atchison County, Kansas Case No. 2014CR94.
- (d) In addition, while employed at Medicalodge in Atchison, Licensee misappropriated funds belonging to a disabled person regarding a conservatorship.
- (e) Kansas Department of Children with Families has substantiated this for fiduciary abuse.
- (f) A complaint has been filed by the Attorney General's office charging Mistreatment of a Dependent Adult, a Severity Level 3 Person Felony pursuant to KSA 21-5417(a)(2)(b)(2)(B)

(g) This case is pending in the District Court of Atchison County Kansas Case No. 2014CR94 filed the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

(h) At Preliminary hearing, the Court determine that there was probably cause for Mistreatment of a Dependent Adult charge.

(i) Respondent entered a plea to Conspiracy to Commit Felony Theft.

(j) Respondent's name is on the APS Adult Abuse Registry as a result of two substantiations.

11. 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 the agreement instead of proceeding to such a hearing.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

12. 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.

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

Count 1: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6), unprofessional conduct, exploitation, which shall be defined as misappropriating a patient's property or taking unfair advantage of a patient's physical or financial resources for the licensee's or another individual's personal or financial advantage by use of undue influence, coercion, harassment, duress, deception, false pretense or false representation; KAR 60-3-110 (o).

Count 2: K.S.A. 65 1120(a)(1) unprofessional conduct by fraud or deceit in practicing nursing.

## POLICY STATEMENT

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

## DISPOSITION

14. By entering into the Initial Agreed Order and consenting to the entry of the Initial 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.

15. Based upon the agreement, and pursuant to the disciplinary remedies available in K.S.A. 65-1120, the parties agree that the Initial Agreed Order the Board will suspend her for one year and agreement will continue through any renewal periods of respondent's nursing license until respondent completes each of the conditions and requirements of the 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 the Initial Agreed Order remaining in effect until Respondent completes each of the conditions and requirements of the agreement.

16. Based upon the 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 will be immediately suspended for one (1) year. After the one year suspension, Respondent will enter into a three year program with KNAP and with the terms and conditions of this agreement.

17. 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 will entered into the Kansas Nurses Assistance Program (KNAP) and follow the the recommendations and requirements. There must be a determination of licensee's safety to practice nursing and a evaluation will be obtained. Respondent shall sign releases of information necessary for KNAP to evaluate for impairment and to monitor Respondent and for KNAP to report information to the Board, Attorney General's office, and

Office of Administrative Hearings. This licensee is also under a two year Probation on the criminal case out of Atchison County, Kansas Case 2014CR94.

(b) The respondent shall immediately inform all medical or health related employers and prospective employers of the Initial Agreed Order and not work in agency or unsupervised positions after the one year suspension.

(c) Respondent will Submit Reports from the respondent's employer to the attention of the Legal Division, Kansas State Board of Nursing, Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson, Suite 1051, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1230 on the following schedule: First report will be due on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and the 10<sup>th</sup> of every third month until eight (8) reports have been submitted. These reports are performance reports while in a position that requires a nursing license.

(d) Respondent shall send a money order for \$100 to the Board upon entering into the agreement to pay the cost of the action.

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

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

(g) The respondent will complete two (2) hours of Continuing Nurses Education (CNE) on the topic of "Kansas Nurse Practices Act", 3-6 Contact hours on Critical Thinking, 3-6 Contact hours on Legal Issues, 6 Contact Hours on Ethics and 12 hours on Adult Abuse Ethics. Respondent is to submit the original certificates for proof of the completion of the hours within 180 days of the agreement. . Respondent may not use these hours to meet the CNE requirements of any renewal period.

(h) 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.

18. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that Respondent is responsible for the costs related to satisfying the conditions and requirements of the Initial Agreed Order. Respondent further acknowledges and agrees that to provide the Board with false information regarding compliance with the Initial Agreed Order is a violation of the Initial Agreed Order.

19. 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 the Initial Agreed Order, but Respondent could not contest the violations listed in the agreement.

20. All parties understand that if an action based on failure to meet the conditions and requirements of the Initial Agreed Order 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 her or her attorney, if any, in reference to the action.

21. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that if any action based on failure to meet the conditions and requirements of the Initial Agreed Order is filed during the term of the Initial Agreed Order, or within 30 days after the expiration date, the conditions of the Initial Agreed Order shall continue in effect until the Board or a hearing/presiding officer designated pursuant to K.S.A. 77-514 and K.S.A. 77-526, rules on the action.

22. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon a finding of Respondent not complying with any of the conditions or requirements of the Initial Agreed Order the stay on the Suspension of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Kansas will be removed

from the date of said finding. Respondent will not be allowed to practice nursing in the state of Kansas during the period of suspension. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that all conditions and requirements of the Initial Agreed Order remain in effect during the period of suspension.

23. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that the Suspension will be extended due to a finding of non-compliance with any of the conditions or requirements of the Initial Agreed Order, the Suspension will not be Stayed until the Respondent has, following the prescribed time period of suspension, provided written verification to the Board that Respondent is in compliance and has remained in compliance during the period of suspension, with all conditions and requirements of the Initial Agreed Order. Upon the Respondent providing said written verification the suspension will be stayed.

24. The Board will inactivate the case file once respondent satisfies the agreement. The 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 the agreement is entered into.

25. The agreement is a discipline and must be reported on any future renewal or reinstatement applications. The agreement is a contract entered into by the parties to resolve an investigative case. The original of the agreement shall be placed in the Agency Record. The Agreement is a public record and will be reported to national disciplinary data banks.

26. After successful completion of all of the conditions and requirements of the Initial Agreed Order by the respondent, the Initial Agreed Order will be satisfied and the case will be inactivated.

27. By signing the Initial Agreed Order, Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read and understands the entire document, and agrees to be bound by its terms. The Initial Agreed Order constitute the entire agreement of the parties and may not be modified except in

writing and approved by all parties. The effective date of the Initial Agreed Order is the date shown on the certificate of service.

28. 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 the INITIAL AGREED ORDER.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

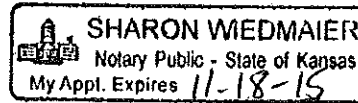
*Nancy Ann Thummel*

Respondent  
Nancy Ann Thummel  
602 Spring Garden  
Atchison, Kansas 66002

\_\_\_\_\_ must sign before a Notary Public.

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Sandra Sharon, Presiding Officer

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-527, either party may request a review of the final order by filing a petition for reconsideration with the Kansas State Board of Nursing. A petition for reconsideration must be filed with 15 days from the date the final order was served. Failure to timely request a reconsideration by the Kansas State Board of Nursing may preclude further judicial review. The petition for reconsideration shall be mailed or personally delivered to: Mary Blubaugh, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, Landon State Office Building, Suite 1051, 900 SW Jackson, Topeka, KS 66612-1230.

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

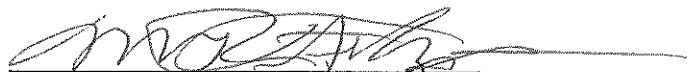
Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-530, if a request for reconsideration is not requested in the time and manner stated above, the initial order shall become effective as a final order 30 days after service.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE



On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2015, I mailed a copy of the INITIAL AGREED ORDER:

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Assistant Attorney General