

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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Topeka, Kansas 66612-1230

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**IN THE MATTER OF
ALLISON M. RINGGENBERG
License No. 14-094450-102**

Case No. 05-340-7

CONSENT AGREEMENT TO SURRENDER AND REVOKE LICENSE AND FINAL ORDER

NOW ON THIS 9th day of November, 2006, the Kansas State Board of Nursing, represented by Assistant Attorney General, Mark A. Knight, and the Licensee, Allison M. Ringgenberg, 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

The hearing officer makes the following findings of fact based on the evidence presented and statements of the parties.

1. Licensee is licensed to practice nursing in Kansas through 10/31/2006. The Kansas State Board of Nursing (Board) has jurisdiction over the licensee and the subject matter of this action.
 2. Licensee's address of record is 935 N. Center St., Lake City, IA 51449.
 3. 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(a) is established.
 4. The Board has requested that a petition be filed to take disciplinary action against the licensee's license.
 5. Following a petition being filed by the Board, a hearing would also be held at a later date at which time the Board would have to prove that licensee violated K.S.A. 65-1120(a).
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6. Licensee has the right to these hearings and the right to seek review of the findings from the hearings in accordance with the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act and the Act for Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement of agency actions. Licensee is waiving those rights and knowingly and voluntarily entering into this agreement instead of proceeding to these hearings. This agreement will conclude Board action pending at this time against licensee's license.

7. Licensee understands that pursuant to K.S.A. 77-515, licensee may be represented at licensee's expense by, an attorney during these proceedings.

8. (a) Licensee self-referred to the [REDACTED] due to drug addiction. Licensee failed to follow through with the [REDACTED] in that she moved out of the state of Kansas without notifying the [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] participation in the state of Iowa.

(b) On or about 9/7/2005 the Iowa Board of Nursing entered a Stipulation and Order finding that Licensee diverted vials of Nubain for her own use while employed as a nurse in the state of Iowa.

(c) On or about 7/31/06 the Kansas State Board of Nursing received written notice from Licensee which stated her desire to surrender her license to practice nursing in Kansas.

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(a) is established.

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

Count 1: 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.

Count 2: 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 3: 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, or territory.

POLICY STATEMENT

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

DISPOSITION

12. Licensee is surrendering licensee's license to practice nursing in Kansas.

13. Upon signing this agreement and returning it to the Board, Licensee shall not practice nursing in Kansas.

14. The Board will report this surrender and revocation to data banks, other entities, and in its newsletter. This is a disciplinary action on licensee's license. The original of this document shall be kept in the Board's agency file and its contents may be disclosed to the public upon request.

15. If licensee does seek reinstatement of licensee's license, the agreed facts are admitted, licensee has waived the right to a hearing on the facts in this matter, however to receive a reinstatement of licensee's license the licensee will have the opportunity at that time to prove licensee's fitness to practice nursing in Kansas.

16. 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.

17. By their signatures, the parties hereby acknowledge this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto execute this CONSENT AGREEMENT TO SURRENDER AND REVOKE LICENSE AND FINAL ORDER.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Allison M. Ringgenberg must sign before a Notary Public.

Allison M. Ringgenberg
Licensee
935 N. Center St.
Lake City, IA 51449

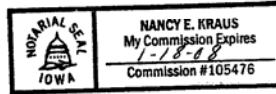
State of ^{Iowa} ~~Kansas~~, County of CARROLL ss.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before, me by Allison M. Ringgenberg

on this 31st day of October, 2006.

Signature of Notary Public

My Commission Expires 1-18-08
(Notary Public Seal)



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On the 15th day of November, 2006, I mailed a copy of this CONSENT AGREEMENT TO SURRENDER AND REVOKE LICENSE AND FINAL ORDER to:

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