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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 IRIS YAEKO VORHIES

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License No. 14-118245-022

Case No. 13-561-0

INITIAL AGREED ORDER TO SURRENDER AND REVOKE LICENSE

NOW ON THIS 10th day of October, 2013, the Kansas State Board of Nursing, represented by Assistant Attorney General, Michael R. Fitzgibbons, and the Licensee, Iris Yaeko Vorhies, 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 February, 2014. The Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) has jurisdiction over the licensee and the subject matter of this action.
2. Licensee's address of record is 2905 SW 13th Street Lee's Summit, MO 64081-3800.
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 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).

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) A petition may be filed to take disciplinary action against the licensee's license as authorized by the Board.

(b) The petition would alleged that in Case 13-561-0, according to a report, it is alleged that while licensee was employed by Saint Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri, you diverted Ambien pills for your personal use and consumption.

(c) This incident occurred on or about the 14th day of January, 2012.

(d) As a direct result of this incident, Missouri Board of Nursing has accepted her surrender of her license.

(d) On or about the 29th day of February, 2012, licensee submitted an RN endorsement application to KSBN.

(e) Per application, licensee answered "no" to the question "Is an investigation and/or disciplinary action pending against any license, certification or registration (nursing or other)

(e) Licensee notified KSBN: "I would like to respectively request the Kansas Board of Nursing voluntarily allow me to relinquish my Kansas license" and that she "will never work as an RN in the future."

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

Count 1: 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 ... by a licensing authority of another state

Count 2: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6), unprofessional conduct, by drug diversion K.A.R. 60-3-110(n) in past conduct

Count 3: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(4) unable to practice with skill and safety due to current abuse of drugs or alcohol.

Count 4: K.S.A. 65 1120(a)(1) unprofessional conduct by fraud or deceit in practicing nursing.

POLICY STATEMENT

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

DISPOSITION

12. Based upon this agreement and final order, the parties agree that Licensee is surrendering licensee's license to practice nursing in the state of Kansas.

13. Based upon this agreement, and pursuant to the disciplinary remedies available in K.S.A. 65-1120, the parties agree that Licensee's license to practice nursing in Kansas is immediately revoked. Licensee shall not practice nursing in the state of Kansas.

14. Upon signing this agreement and returning it to the Board, licensee shall return licensee's license card with the agreement.

15. 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. This Agreement is a public record and will be reported to national disciplinary data banks. The effective date of this Consent Agreement to Surrender and Revoke is the date shown on the certificate of service.

16. If licensee does seek reinstatement of licensee's license, the agreed facts and listed violations 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.

17. 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.

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

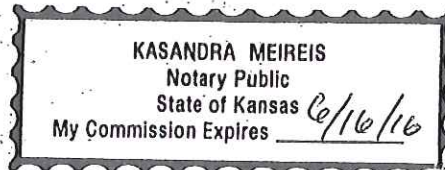
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto execute this FINAL ORDER AND CONSENT AGREEMENT TO SURRENDER AND REVOKE LICENSE .

~~THIS IS ORDERED~~
[Redacted]
Respondent:
Iris Yaeko Vorhies
2905 SW 13th Street
Lee's Summit, MO 64084

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Assistant Attorney General
Kansas State Board of Nursing
Landon State Office Building
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Topeka, KS 66612

Kasandra Meireis
must sign before a Notary Public.

State: Kansas
County: Johnson



Sandra Sharon, Presiding Officer

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-527, either party may request a review of this 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 this 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, this initial order shall become effective as a final order 30 days after service.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On the ~~25~~ day of October, 2013 I mailed a copy of this FINAL ORDER AND CONSENT AGREEMENT TO SURRENDER AND REVOKE LICENSE to:

Iris Yaeko Vorhies
2905 SW 13th Street
Lee's Summit, MO 64081

Michael R. Fitzgibbons #12287
Assistant Attorney General