

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF

Case No. 94 317 4; 95 370 4
99 593 7; 01 719 7
06 962 0Karen S. Cullison
License No. 14 088452 101

OAH No. 08BN0089

INITIAL ORDER

Now on this 8th day of July 2008, the above-captioned matter comes on for hearing before the Kansas State Board of Nursing, Sandra L. Sharon, duly appointed as Presiding Officer pursuant to K.S.A. 77-514. The Petitioner, the Kansas State Board of Nursing, appears by Assistant Attorney General, Alma A. Heckler, Disciplinary Counsel for the Board. The Respondent, Karen S. Cullison, appears in person.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On January 14, 2008, the Kansas State Board of Nursing filed a Petition to revoke the Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Kansas.
2. The licensee is disabled pursuant to the Social Security Administration. The licensee's diagnosis is Complex Regional Pain Syndrome. She has prescriptions for Klonopin, Methadone, Percocet, Topamax, Cymbalta, Lotrel Naproxen, Calcium, Lasix, and multivitamins.
3. The licensee completed a [REDACTED] At that time, it was determined that due to her condition and medications she could not continue to function as a nurse.
4. At hearing, the licensee acquiesced to the agency's position that she is not safe to practice nursing. The licensee indicated that she does not have the physical ability to perform work at this time.

Conclusions of Law

1. The licensee acquiesces that she has a pattern of practice or behavior which demonstrates a manifest incapacity or incompetence to practice nursing. This is a violation of Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.) 65-1120(a)(3).
2. The Board's Petition to revoke the licensee's license to practice nursing in the State of Kansas is hereby granted.

3. The Respondent shall pay costs of the action of \$70.00.

Appeal Rights and Other Administrative Relief

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-527, either party may request a review of this initial order by filing a petition for review with the Kansas State Board of Nursing. A petition for review must be filed within 15 days from the date this initial order was served. Failure to timely request a review by the Kansas State Board of Nursing may preclude further judicial review. The petition for review 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 initial order is served by mail, three days are added to the time limits set out above.

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Sandra L. Sharon
Presiding Officer
Office of Administrative Hearings

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On July 11, 2008, I mailed a copy of this document to:

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