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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 ASHLEY MARIE THORNTON

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License No. ENDORSEMENT APPLICANT

KSBN

Case No. 12-2138-0

PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER TO REVOKE LICENSE

NOW ON THIS 26th day of February, 2014, petitioner, the Kansas State Board of Nursing, appears by disciplinary counsel, Michael R. Fitzgibbons, Assistant Attorney General, for a Hearing on the Petition. Respondent does not appear.

Wherefore, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

1. Respondent is an applicant to practice nursing in Kansas. The Kansas State Board of Nursing has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this action.
2. Respondent was sent a copy of the petition and notice of this hearing to respondent's last known address and service is proper. Respondent does not appear.
3. Petitioner moves for issuance of a proposed default order denying respondent's license. The petitioner's request is granted by default pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520.
4. The petition is hereby granted and incorporated into this order as if set forth herein. Respondent violated the Nurse Practice Act as alleged in the petition.
5. Per Petitioner's request, Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Kansas is denied.
6. Costs of the action of \$70 are assessed to respondent to be paid to the board by cash or money order within 30 days of the effective date of this order.
7. This Proposed Default Order shall become effective seven days after service or ten days after mailing of this order unless the Respondent files a written motion with the Board stating why the Proposed Default Order should be vacated and the order is then vacated.

8. If this Proposed Default Order becomes effective, the Respondent's request for administrative hearing is dismissed pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520(d).
9. Disciplinary counsel shall mail a copy of this proposed default order to respondent's last known address.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Sandra Sharon, Presiding Officer
Office of Administrative Hearings
1020 S Kansas Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612-1327

NOTICE

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-527, either party may request a review of this order by filing a petition for review with the Kansas State Board of Nursing. The petition for review shall state its basis. A petition for review must be filed within 7 days from the date this order becomes effective. 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: State Board of Nursing - Legal Division, Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Ste 1051, Topeka, KS 66612-1230.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-530, if neither party requests a review by the Kansas State Board of Nursing, then this initial order becomes final and binding on both parties on the 30th day following its service.

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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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 7th day of March, 2014, the foregoing copy of the PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER DENYING LICENSE was served by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Ashley Marie Thornton
208 N. Judson
Ft Scott, Kansas 66701




Michael R. Fitzgibbons

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PETITION

COMES NOW the petitioner, the Kansas State Board of Nursing, by and through Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Board, Michael R. Fitzgibbons, and for its cause of action states that:

1. Respondent, Ashley Marie Thornton, is an applicant to practice nursing in Kansas. The Board has jurisdiction over the respondent and the subject matter of this action.
2. Respondent's address of record is 208 N. Judson, Fort Scott, Kansas 66701.
3. 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.
4. 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.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

5. The facts below are common to all counts:
 - (a) Applicant answered "no" to the questions "have you ever been conviction of a misdemeanor, have you ever been conviction of a felony and has any license, certification, registration (nursing or other) ever been suspended, revoked..."

- (b) A Background check indicated arrests in Fort Scott Kansas, Bourbon County, Kansas and Pittsburg, Kansas
- (c) A temporary permit was issued for applicant on the 17th day of December 2012 and expired the 16th of April, 2013.
- (d) Applicant began working at Fort Scott Manor on the 11th day of February, 2013 and continued to work after the expiration of her temporary permit.
- (e) On the 30th day of May, 2013, the Board offered application an Unlicensed Practice fine and referred to KNAP for evaluation due to Fort Scott arrest for possession of drugs.
- (f) Applicant completed evaluation but did not return the KNAP agreement and her case was closed on the 11th day of September, 2013.
- (g) KSBN again contacted the Applicant on the 30th day of September, 2013 with no response.

VIOLATIONS

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

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

Count 2 K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(7), willfully and repeatedly violation provisions of the Kansas Nurse Practice Act by failing to complete the requirements of impaired provider program KAR 60-3-110(s).

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

Count4: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6), unprofessional conduct, by inaccurately recording, falsifying or altering documents.


Count 5: K.S.A. 65-1120 (3) to be guilty of unprofessional conduct failing to furnish the board, its investigators, or its representative with any information legally requested by the board KAR 60-3-110 (t).

WHEREFORE, petitioner requests a finding that the respondent has violated the Nurse Practice Act, that respondent's request for a license to practice nursing in Kansas be denied, and that costs of this action be assessed to the respondent in the amount of \$70.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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