

**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  
JEREMY W. STIGGINS  
License No. 23-028120-102**

**Case No. 04-676-3**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER**

NOW ON THIS 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006, the Kansas State Board of Nursing, represented by Assistant Attorney General, Mark A. Knight, and the Respondent, Jeremy W. Stiggins, 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**

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing in Kansas lapsed on 10/31/2006. Respondent made application for reinstatement of his nursing license. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this action.
2. Respondent's address of record is 719 Kerschner Drive Apt. C, McPherson, KS 67460.
3. The Respondent understands that pursuant to K.S.A. 77-515, respondent may be represented at respondent's expense by, an attorney during these proceedings.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. (a) On or about 8/20/2004 respondent reported to work at The Cedars, McPherson, Kansas where he was employed as a nurse. While at work respondent met with the facility

Director of Nursing, Lynn Bryson. Bryson noted that respondent's speech was slurred and his eyes were red and droopy. Respondent advised Bryson that respondent had been up too late the night before.

(b) Lynn Bryson requested and respondent agreed to urine drug screen. The urine drug screen show positive for ETOH.

(c) On or about September 18, 2004 to November 6, 2004 staff at The Cedars found irregularities in the narcotic medication Lortab for resident, M.C. Upon inquiry facility staff found that respondent faxed a Lortab refill to a local pharmacist for M.C. According to facility policy M.C.'s Lortab should have been refilled from the internal pharmacy. The local pharmacist called M.C.'s physician for approval of the Lortab refill. The physician in turn called The Cedars as he did not think M.C. should have need for the Lortab. When asked, respondent advised that he was giving M.C. the Lortab prior to M.C.'s physical therapy sessions. Staff found that respondent signed out Lortab for M.C. on four occasions when M.C. did not have a physical therapy session.

(d) On or about 3/18/2005 respondent was notified in writing that the KSBN Investigative Committee had decided that respondent be referred to the Kansas Nurses Assistance Program (KNAP) for an evaluation.

(e) On or about 4/13/2005 KNAP advised that they closed respondent's KNAP file as they were unable to contact him and respondent had not contacted KNAP.

(f) On or about 12/13/2005 Respondent was convicted of Driving Under the Influence, a misdemeanor, in Sedgwick County, Kansas, District Court case number 05TR12155.

(g) On or about 12/13/2005 Respondent was convicted of Leaving the Scene of an Accident, a misdemeanor, in Sedgwick County, Kansas, District Court case number 05TR12155.

7. The above incidents are violations of the nurse practice act. The Respondent agrees that the board is prepared to prove that respondent has violated: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(4), to be unable to practice with skill and safety due to current abuse of drugs or alcohol; K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6), unprofessional conduct by K.A.R. 60-3-110 (c), failing to take appropriate action or to follow policies and procedures in the practice situation designed to safeguard each patient.

8. 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 this agreement instead of proceeding to such a hearing.

#### **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 is established.

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

Count 1: 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 2: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6), unprofessional conduct by K.A.R. 60-3-110 (c), failing to take appropriate action or to follow policies and procedures in the practice situation designed to safeguard each patient.

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

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

#### **DISPOSITION**

12. By entering into this Consent Agreement and consenting to the entry of the Final 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.

13. Based upon this agreement, and pursuant to the disciplinary remedies available in K.S.A. 65-1120, the parties agree that this Consent Agreement will continue through any renewal periods of respondent's nursing license until respondent completes each of the conditions and requirements of this agreement.

14. **Upon the parties entering into this Consent Agreement and with the respondent having met all statutory requirements for reinstatement of respondent's Kansas Nursing license, the respondent's application for reinstatement of respondent's Kansas Nursing license will be granted.**

15. 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 shall receive a license card which shall be issued with an "S" placed in the status code portion of the license card to indicate that the license is suspended. The suspension will be stayed as long as requirements within this agreement are met. Respondent shall return his or her current license cards to the Board with this Consent Agreement.**

(b) **Respondent will participate in and complete the reasonable recommendations and requirements of the Kansas Nurses Assistance Program (KNAP);** sign releases of information necessary for KNAP to evaluate and monitor respondent and for KNAP to report information to the board. Respondent will be deemed to have completed the KNAP program when KNAP issues written notification that respondent has completed the program. Noncompliance with KNAP is a violation of this agreement.

(c) **Respondent must submit to random drug screens as determined or selected by the Board or by KNAP.** The costs of the drug screens will be paid by the respondent. Respondent agrees that a Positive Drug Screen is a violation of this agreement.

(d) **Respondent shall immediately notify the Legal Division of any use of alcohol, if prohibited by KNAP, or controlled substances, or any violation of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.**

(e) The respondent shall **immediately inform all employers and prospective employers of this Consent Agreement and the Final Order.**

(f) **Respondent shall send a money order for \$70 to the Board upon entering into this agreement to pay the cost of this action.**

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

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

(h) **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:** Prior to Respondent securing employment that utilizes his or her nursing license, Respondent is to mail to the Kansas State Board of Nursing a statement indicating that Respondent has not yet secured employment which utilizes Respondent's nursing license. This statement is due by the 10th day of each month beginning the next month after signing this consent agreement. Once Respondent is employed in a position that utilizes his or her nursing license, or if Respondent is currently employed in a position that utilizes his or her nursing license, a nursing performance report is due by the 10th day of every third Month until Respondent has caused the submission of four (4) separate nursing performance reports. The

report shall be prepared and signed by Respondent's immediate supervisor or by an R.N. who evaluates Respondent's performance on a regular basis and be based on the following guidelines: (1) Incorporation of information on facility letterhead stationary is preferred. (2) Letter format is acceptable, with the date of the report identified. (3) Evaluator's name, telephone number, address, license number and nursing credentials. (4) Respondent's name, address, telephone number, license number. (5) A short explanation of the Respondent's work performance in the following areas: (a) Standards met regarding facility policies and procedures. (b) Compliance with the Kansas Nurse Practice Act. (c) Supervisor evaluations. (d) Overall appropriateness. (e) Interactions with patients. (f) Interactions with staff and administration.

(i) 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.

16. Respondent is responsible for the costs related to satisfying these conditions and requirements.

17. 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 this Consent Agreement, but Respondent could not contest the violations listed in this agreement.

18. All parties understand that if an action based on failure to meet the conditions and requirements of this Consent Agreement 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 his or her attorney, if any, in reference to the action.

19. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon a finding of Respondent not complying with the conditions or requirements of this Consent Agreement, the Stay of Suspension of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Kansas, shall be lifted. Respondent will not be allowed to practice nursing in the state of Kansas during the period the Stay is lifted.

20. The Board will inactivate this case file once respondent satisfies this agreement. This 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 this agreement is entered into.

21. This agreement is a discipline and must be reported on any future renewal applications. This agreement is a contract entered into by the parties to resolve an investigative case. The original of this agreement shall be placed in the Agency Record and is a public record.

22. By signing this Consent Agreement and Final Order, Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read and understands the entire document, and agrees to be bound by its terms. This Consent Agreement and Final Order constitute the entire agreement of the parties and may not be modified except in writing and approved by all parties.

23. After successful completion of all of the conditions and requirements of this Consent Agreement by the respondent, the Consent Agreement will be satisfied and the case will be inactivated.

24. 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 this CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

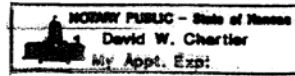
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Jeremy W. Stiggins  
Respondent  
719 Kerschner Drive Apt. C  
McPherson, KS 67460

Jeremy W. Stiggins must sign before a Notary Public.

State of Kansas, County of McPherson ss.  
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before, me by Jeremy W. Stiggins

on this 9 day of Nov., 2006.

Signature of Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires 12/27/07  
(Notary Public Seal)



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Terry E. Beck, Hearing Officer



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006, I mailed a copy of this CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER to:

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