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BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson #1051
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1230

IN THE MATTER OF DOUGLAS HOWARD STARKS

License No 23-32092-072

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Case No. 10-835-4

PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER TO REVOKE LICENSE

NOW ON THIS 26th day of August, 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 licensed to practice nursing in Kansas through July, 2014. 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 revoking 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 is revoked. Respondent may not practice nursing in Kansas.
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. Respondent shall immediately forward his or her original Kansas nursing license to the Kansas State Board of Nursing.

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.



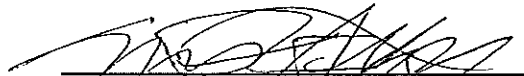
Sandra Sharon, Presiding Officer
Office of Administrative Hearings
1020 S Kansas Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612-1327

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 3rd day of September, 2014, the foregoing copy of the PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER TO REVOKE LICENSE was served by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Douglas Howard Starks
317 N. 2nd Street
Lindsborg, Kansas 67456



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Assistant Attorney General

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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, Douglas Howard Starks, is licensed to practice nursing in Kansas through July, 2014. The Board has jurisdiction over the respondent and the subject matter of this action.
2. Respondent's address of record is 317 N. 2nd Street, Lindsborg, Kansas 67456.
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) According to the report, it is alleged that while licensee was employed by Dillon Living Center, Hutchinson Kansas, licensee left the building leaving the CNS's and CMA's without supervision.

- (b) Licensee failed to assess a resident when aides reported that resident's Life Care O2 saturation level was below 75%.
- (c) Licensee took his break before assessing the patient.
- (d) These incidents allegedly occurred on or about the 3rd day of May 2010.
- (e) Licensee was terminated for leaving the building during his shift when he was the only nurse on duty in the building on the 5th day of May, 2010.
- (f) Licensee was contacted by KSBN on the 23rd of January, 2014 and there has been no response.
- (g) Hutchinson Regional medical Center, Hutchinson, Kansas, licensee was negligent in the care of a psychiatric patient.
- (h) Licensee failed to follow facility policies and procedures regarding the care of that patient.
- (i) This incident allegedly occurred on or about the 29th day of December, 2012.
- (j) The investigator for KSBN contacted licensee on the 22nd day of January, 2014 and there was no response.

(k) VIOLATIONS

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

Count 1: K.S.A. 65-1120(e)(1) to have committed an act of professional incompetency as defined in subsection (e) in one or more instances involving failure to adhere to the applicable standards of care to a degree which constitutes gross negligence, as determine by the board.

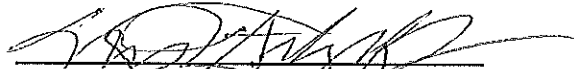
Count 2: K.S.A. 65-1120 (3) to be guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined as defined by rules and regulations of the board by violating the existing policies and procedures of the medical facility KAR 60-3-110 (t) failing to furnish the board, its investigators, or its representative with any information legally requested by the board.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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