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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
Randee Hopeck

OAH No. 16BN0087

License No. 23-39938-051
Case No. 11-628-8

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER
AND
PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER

This matter comes on for consideration by the presiding Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to enter a Proposed Default Order against respondent, Randee Hopeck.

Wherefore, the presiding ALJ finds as follows:

1. The respondent is licensed to practice nursing in Kansas through May 31, 2017.
2. The Petitioner, the Kansas State Board of Nursing Board (Board), has jurisdiction over the respondent and the subject matter of this action.
3. On November 25, 2015, a Petition was filed by the Board seeking suspension of the respondent's nursing license. It was sent to her at her last known address and was not returned as undeliverable.
4. On July 27, 2016, a Notice of Prehearing Conference was sent to the respondent. The conference was scheduled for August 30, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The notice was not returned as undeliverable.
5. On August 30, 2016, a prehearing conference was convened. The Board appeared by disciplinary counsel, Bryce Benedict. The respondent did not appear in person or by phone.
6. Pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.) 77-520(a), "[i]f a party fails to attend or participate in a prehearing conference, hearing or other

stage of an adjudicative proceeding, the presiding officer may serve upon all parties written notice of a proposed default order.”

7. The respondent is in default pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520.
8. This Proposed Default Order shall become effective and deemed an initial order, seven days after service or ten days after mailing of this order unless the respondent files a written motion stating why the Proposed Default Order should be vacated and the order is then vacated. A motion to vacate shall be mailed or personally delivered to: Kansas State Board of Nursing, Legal Division, Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Ste. 1051, Topeka KS 66612-1230, with a copy to be mailed or personally delivered to: Sandra L. Sharon, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1020 S. Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66612-1327.
9. If this Proposed Default Order becomes effective, the allegations contained in the Petition will be deemed uncontroverted and the Petition will be granted and incorporated into this order as if fully set forth herein. The respondent’s license to practice nursing will be revoked. The respondent will immediately forward his or her original Kansas nursing license to the Board.
10. In addition, costs of the action in the amount of \$100.00 will be assessed to the respondent to be paid to the Board by cashier’s check or money order within 30 days of the effective date of this order.

The presiding ALJ, being well and duly advised in the premises, now enters this Proposed Default Order against the respondent. It shall take effect as specified in the above findings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Appeal Rights and Other Administrative Relief

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520, if the proposed default order becomes effective, it is deemed an initial order, as set forth above. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-527, either party may request review of the initial order by filing a petition for review with the Kansas State Board of Nursing within 15 days from date the order is deemed an initial order. Failure to timely request review may preclude further judicial review. Petitions for review shall be mailed or personally delivered to: Kansas State Board of Nursing, Legal Division, Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Ste. 1051, Topeka, KS 66612-1230.

If neither party requests review, the initial order becomes a final order and is binding on the 30th day following its mailing.

A party may seek judicial review of a final order by filing a petition for judicial review pursuant to K.S.A. 77-601, *et seq.* Reconsideration of a final order is not a prerequisite to judicial review. A copy of any petition for judicial review shall be served on Mary Blubaugh, Executive Administrator, Kansas State Board of Nursing, 900 SW Jackson, Suite 1051, Topeka, KS 66612-1230.



Sandra L. Sharon
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings
1020 S. Kansas Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612-1327

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On Aug. 31, 2016, I mailed this original document through State Building Mail to:

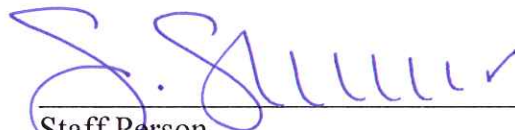
Mary Blubaugh
Executive Administrator
Kansas State Board of Nursing
900 SW Jackson, LSOB, Ste. 1051
Topeka, KS 66612
Telephone: 785-296-4325

and a copy of this document through State Building Mail to:

Bryce D. Benedict
Assistant Attorney General
Disciplinary Counsel for the Kansas State Board of Nursing
900 SW Jackson, LSOB, Ste. 1051
Topeka, KS 66612
Telephone: 785-296-2512

And a copy of this document through first class mail to:

Randee Hopeck
1401 SW Glendale Drive
Topeka, KS 66604



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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, Bryce D. Benedict, and for its cause of action states that:

1. Respondent, Randee Hopeck, is licensed to practice nursing in Kansas through May 31, 2017. The Board has jurisdiction over the respondent and the subject matter of this action.
2. Respondent's address of record is 1401 SW Glendale Drive, Topeka KS 66604.
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 et seq., 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.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

5. The facts below are common to all counts:
 - (a) The Respondent was employed as a nurse by Brewster Place in 2011 until she was fired on or about March 7, 2011.
 - (b) In March 2011 the Respondent:

- (1) Left the facility without leaving her keys with another staff person, and without advising staff she was leaving the facility;
 - (2) Documented she had administered insulin to a resident when she had not done so;
 - (3) Failed to administer medications for other residents and left those medications unattended in residents' rooms;
 - (4) Failed to complete MCA documentation;
 - (5) Failed to administer antibiotics;
 - (6) Administered narcotic pain medication to a resident three hours before the next dosage was due;
 - (7) Falsely documented other medications as having been administered;
 - (8) Failed to chart other medications that were administered;
 - (9) Signed for medications without administering them; and
 - (10) Failed to process orders.
- (c) As a consequence of the above acts and omissions the Respondent subsequently agreed to complete certain CNE requirements dictated by the Board, but she has failed to do so.

VIOLATIONS

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

Count 1: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(1), to be guilty of fraud or deceit in practicing nursing or in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice nursing.

Count 2: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(3), to have committed an act or acts of professional incompetency.

Count 3: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6) and K.A.R. 60-3-110, to be guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules and regulations of the board; to wit: failing to take appropriate action or to follow policies and procedures in the practice situation designed to safeguard each patient.

Count 4: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6) and K.A.R. 60-3-110, to be guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules and regulations of the board; to wit: inaccurately recording, falsifying, or altering any record of a patient or agency or of the board.

Count 5: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6) and K.A.R. 60-3-110, to be guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules and regulations of the board; to wit: leaving an assignment that has been accepted, without notifying the appropriate authority and allowing reasonable time for replacement.

Count 6: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6) and K.A.R. 60-3-110, to be guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules and regulations of the board; to wit failing to comply with any disciplinary order of 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 suspended, and that costs of this action be assessed to the respondent.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Schmidt
Kansas Attorney General

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