BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of
Registered Nurse License Number 577994
issued to MANDIE MILLS HAWKINS



ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 577994, issued to MANDIE MILLS HAWKINS, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas is currently in delinquent status.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas, on December 1, 1991. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 1992.
- 4. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
- 5. On or about July 25, 2014, Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Kansas was Revoked by the Kansas State Board of Nursing, Topeka, Kansas. A copy of the Kansas State Board of Nursing Summary Order effective July 25, 2014, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this pleading.

7. On September 19, 2014, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated September 11, 2014, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(8), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 577994, heretofore issued to MANDIE MILLS HAWKINS, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 5. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 6. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC§§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 577994, heretofore issued to MANDIE MILLS HAWKINS, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is/are accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

- RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title of 1. "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license/s is/are surrendered.
- RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) 2. year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
- Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing 3. requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 19th day of September, 2014.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

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 MANDIE MILLS HAWKINS

License No 14-99439-092

Case No. 13-2196-9

SUMMARY ORDER

NOW ON THIS day of Judy, 2014, THE ABOVE MATTER COMES BEFORE THE Kansas State Board of Nursing (Board) pursuant to authority granted to the Board by K.S.A. 65-1120. The Board hereby proposed to find facts and take disciplinary action against the licensee's license by way of Summary Order as provided by K.S.A. 77-537.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. This Licensee is licensed to practice nursing in the state of Kansas. The Board has jurisdiction over the Licensee and the subject matter of this action.
- 2. Licensee's address of record is 1582 Road 170 Emporia, Kansas 66801-8215.
- 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. Review of the information gathered by the Board revealed the following upon which this action is based.
 - (a) According to a report, it is alleged that while licensee was employed by Newman Regional Health, Emporia, Kansas licensee improperly accessed the electronic medical records of One Hundred Thirty Four (134) patients.
 - (b) These incidents occurred the 5th day of March, 2013 through 11th of November, 2013.
 - (c) Licensee was terminated from her employment on the 13th day of November 2013.

- (d) Licensee was contacted in a letter from the Investigator assigned to this case the 10th day of April, 2014 and she failed to respond.
- 5. This Licensee violated the Nurse Practice Act by unprofessional conduct by accessing patients records and failing to respond to investigators contact.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- a. K.S.A. 65 1120(a)(7) willfully and repeatedly violate provisions of Kansas Nurse Practices Act.
- b. K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(3) unprofessional conduct in accessing of patient records KAR 60-3-110 (j) in violation of confidentiality of information or knowledge concerning any patient.
- c. K.S.A. 65-1120 (6) 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).
- 6. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1120(a), the Kansas State Board of Nursing may deny, revoke, limit or suspend any license, certificate of qualification or authorization to practice nursing as a registered professional nurse, as a licensed practical nurse, as an advanced registered nurse practitioner or as a registered nurse anesthetist that is issued by the board or applied for under authorization, if the Licensee, Licensee or holder of a certificate of qualifications or authorization is found to have violated the Nurse Practice Act.
- 7. The above fact findings established evidence that the Licensee violated the following provisions of the Nurse Practice Act:
- Count 1: K.S.A. 65 1120(a)(7) willfully and repeatedly violate provisions of Kansas Nurse Practices Act
- Count 2. K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(3) unprofessional conduct in accessing of patient records KAR 60-3-110 (j) in violation of confidentiality of information or knowledge concerning any patient.

Count 3:. K.S.A. 65-1120 (6) 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).

K.S.A. 77-511(a)(2)(A) of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act authorized by use of the summary proceedings do not violated any provision of law and the protection of the public interest does not require the state agency to give notice and opportunity to participate to persons other than the parties.

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

POLICY STATEMENT

- Accessing confidential records of patients without authorization violates the public trust in violation of the Kansas Nurse Practice Act.
- Failure to respond to the investigators letter shows complete disregard of the nurse's accountability.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING THAT

- 1. Licensee's license to practice nursing in the state of Kansas is revoked
- Licensee shall pay \$70.00 costs of this action to the Board within thirty (30)
 days of the effective day of this Order.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, the decision, which is called a Summary Order, is subject to your request for hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must submit or direct a written request for hearing to: Kansas State Board of Nursing, Legal Division, 900 SW Jackson, Suite 1051, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1230, (785) 296-4325. THIS REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER. If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated, this Summary Order becomes effective as a final order, without further notice, upon the expiration of the time for requesting a hearing. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-531, if the Summary Order is served by mail, three days are added to the time limits set out above.

Judith Hiner RN, BSN
Investigative Committee, Chair
Kansas State Board of Nursing

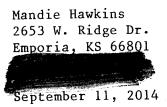
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On the 10 day of July, 2014, I deposited a copy of this SUMMARY ORDER with the United States Postal Service, postage pre-paid, addressed to:

Mandie Mills Hawkins 1582 Road 170 Emporia, Kansas 66801-8125

Michael R. Fitzgibbons #12287

Assistant Attorney General



To: Texas Board of Nurse Examiners

From: Mandie Hawkins

Re: Nursing License

I hereby voluntarily relinquish my Texas nusring license.

Sincerely,

Mandie Hawkins

State of Kansas County of Lyon Signed before me on September 16,2014by MANDIE HAWKINS.

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Notary Public
State of Kansas
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