## BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 867827 issued to LAURA DIANE HUTTNER

## 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 867827, issued to LAURA DIANE HUTTNER, 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.

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

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Normandale Community College, Bloomington, Minnesota, on May 16, 2007. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on November 18, 2014.
- 4. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
- 5. On or about August 12, 2015, Respondent's Minnesota registered nurse license was Temporarily Suspended by the Minnesota Board of Nursing, Minneapolis, Minnesota. A copy of the Minnesota Board of Nursing's Order for Temporary Suspension dated August 12, 2015, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.



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- 6. On or about September 18, 2015, Respondent's South Dakota registered nurse license was Summarily Suspended by the South Dakota Board of Nursing, Pierre, South Dakota. A copy of the South Dakota Board of Nursing's Order for Summary Suspension and Notice of Hearing dated September 18, 2015, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 6. On October 13, 2015, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 7. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
- 8. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.

# 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 867827, heretofore issued to LAURA DIANE HUTTNER, 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.

## <u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 867827, heretofore issued to LAURA DIANE HUTTNER, 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:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title of "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.
- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
- 3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing 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 13th day of October, 2015.

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

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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to the Texas Board of Nursing to report that I, Laura Huttner, am voluntarily surrendering my nursing \_\_\_\_\_\_ license #867827.

Please contact me with any further questions or concerns at:



Thank you,

. Laura Huttner

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#### **BEFORE THE MINNESOTA**

**BOARD OF NURSING** 

In the Matter of Laura Diane Huttner, R.N. License No. 180407-2

## ORDER FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

The Minnesota Board of Nursing ("Board") is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes sections 148.171 through 148.285, 214.10 and 214.103 (2014) to license, regulate, and discipline persons who apply for, petition, or hold licenses to practice professional nursing in the State of Minnesota, and to take disciplinary action where appropriate. The Board is further authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 214.077 to temporarily suspend a nurse's license, if the Board has probable cause to believe continued practice by the nurse presents an imminent risk of harm.

1. The Board has received credible information that Laura Diane Huttner, R.N. ("Respondent") has been charged with (1) Storing methamphetamine paraphernalia in the presence of a child, a felony, and (2) child endangerment – permitting a child to be present during the sale/possession of controlled substances, a gross misdemeanor.

2. After a preliminary inquiry, the Board finds there is probable cause that Respondent has violated Minnesota Statutes Section 148.261, subdivision 1(6), (11), and (18) and that Respondent's continued practice would present an imminent risk of harm.

3. Based on the above facts; the Board finds that a temporary suspension of Respondent's license is warranted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 214.077.

Accordingly, the Board issues the following:

#### **ORDER**

1. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Minnesota is TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 214.077. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not in any manner practice as a nurse in the State of Minnesota.

2. The temporary suspension of Respondent's license shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until the Board issues a final order in this matter.

3. A contested case hearing will be scheduled with the Office of Administrative hearings in this matter, pursuant to the Minnesota Administrative Procedure Act, located at Minnesota Statutes Chapter 14. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the Committee shall provide Respondent with at least 10 days' notice of the hearing and the hearing shall be scheduled to begin no later than 30 days after the issuance of this Order.

Dated: <u>August 12</u>, 2015.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF NURSING

SHIRLEY BREKKEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE: LAURA D. HUTTNER, RN

License No. R044866

### ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

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WHEREAS, Laura D. Huttner, RN, ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the state of South Dakota and holds license number R044866; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 12, 2015, the Board received notification that the Licensee had been temporarily suspended by the Minnesota Board of Nursing in an Order dated August 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Order of Temporary Suspension in Minnesota indicated that the Minnesota Board had received credible information that the Licensee had been charged with (1) storing methamphetamine paraphernalia in the presence of a child, a felony; and (2) child endangerment-permitting a child to be present during the sale/possession of controlled substances, a gross misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, efforts to contact the Licensee have been unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Affidavit of Francie Miller and the above stated conduct, the Board has concluded that the public health, safety, and welfare requires emergency action, in that Licensee's actions may endanger the health and safety of those who are or will be entrusted to her care in the future; and

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WHEREAS, the Board, has a statutory obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare set forth in SDCL §36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

That the Board has jurisdiction of the Licensee and the subject matter of this
Order.

2. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the actions of the Licensee endanger the public health, safety and welfare, and imperatively requires emergency action in that Licensee may endanger the health and safety of those persons who are or will be entrusted to her care in the future and that these are matters of a nature that would constitute further grounds for discipline of her license to practice nursing under SDCL § 36-9-49(6), (7) and (10).

4. Based upon these findings, Licensee's license to practice nursing in South Dakota is hereby summarily suspended. Licensee may petition according to SDCL § 36-9-57 for reinstatement of her license at any time for "good cause." This Order also affects Licensee's privilege to practice in South Dakota. Should Licensee change her home state under the Nurse Licensure Compact then Licensee's practice privilege is subject to the same requirements as set forth in this Order as her South Dakota license.

5. That Licensee shall turn in her license to the Board within ten (10) days from the date of this Order and it shall be kept by the Board until further action on this matter.

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 Licensee is hereby notified that any practice of or holding herself out as a registered nurse during the terms of this Order of Summary Suspension is a violation of SDCL § 36-9-68.

7. This action is reportable discipline and will be published in the Board's newsletter and posted on its website and reported into the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as required by law.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Order of Summary Suspension was adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015, by a vote of 8-0.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS Executive Director

### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

The South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") pursuant to SDCL §§ 1-26-16, 1-26-27, and 1-26-29, hereby provides this Notice of Hearing to Laura D. Huttner, RN, License No. R044866("Licensee") as follows:

 Hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension will take place before the Board on <u>Movember 19</u>, 2015, at <u>1:00</u> pm. at the office of the South Dakota Board of Nursing, 4305 S. Louise Avenue, Suite 201, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Order for Summary Suspension and Notice of Hearing Licensee: Laura D. Huttner

2. This matter is an adversarial proceeding and Licensee has the right to be present at the hearing and to be represented by an attorney. These due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing.

3. The hearing will address the Board's assertion, as set forth in its Summary Suspension, that the Licensee, by her conduct, violated SDCL §§ 36-9-49 (4), (5), (7) and (10).

4. At the hearing, the Board will determine whether the Licensee's license shall be suspended, revoked or subject to other disciplinary action as determined by the evidence presented.

5. Licensee has a right to request that the agency use the Office of Hearing Examiners for this proceeding and has given her notice of request to the Board.

6. A decision issued by the Board after the hearing may be appealed to the circuit court and to the state Supreme Court as provided by law.

Dated this 18 day of September, 2015.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS Executive Director