SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS	:	
	:	**VOLUNTARY SURRENDER CONSENT ORDER**
RE: NANCY S. MEYER, L.P.N.		
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License No. P006344,		
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Licensee.		

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WHEREAS, Nancy S. Meyer, L.P.N. ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a practical nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds License number P006344; and

WHEREAS, said Licensee on December 31, 2007, was observed walking across the parking lot of her employer, Huron Clinic, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Licensee was carrying two boxes of Ambien CR 12.5mg, which contained five smaller boxes in each box. When confronted, Licensee was confused and disoriented. She did not know the time of day, nor what was going on. She stated that she had found the Ambien sitting on the back of her car in the parking lot. It was discovered that in one of the smaller boxes, two tablets of Ambien were missing from one of the blister packs.

During investigation Licensee admitted to diverting two tablets of Skelaxin from the medication cupboard of the Huron Clinic on December 31, 2007, for her own use for alleged upper back pain. Licensee admits to difficulty coping with her husband's illness and death, and the stress of her job. These had all contributed to an increase in her

depression despite pharmacological treatment; and

WHEREAS, Licensee has agreed that she would surrender her South Dakota nursing license; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("the Board") has a statutory obligation to protect the public health, safety and welfare set forth in SDCL §36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners; and

WHEREAS, Licensee agrees that the matters under investigation would be of a nature that would constitute grounds for the discipline of her license to practice nursing in South Dakota under SDCL § 36-9-49; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee agrees that he enters into this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order voluntarily and without duress or compulsion, in full understanding of the legal consequences of this document and her rights; therefore,

ITS IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order.

2. That the Licensee, on December 31, 2007, was observed walking across the parking lot of her employer, Huron Clinic, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Licensee was carrying two boxes of Ambien CR 12.5mg, which contained five smaller boxes in each box. When confronted, Licensee was confused and disoriented. She did not know the time of day, nor what was going on. She stated that she had found the Ambien sitting on

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3. That the Licensee has been given an opportunity to discuss this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order with an attorney of Licensee's choice, and is aware of her right to a hearing in this matter, and of her rights under the United States and South Dakota Constitutions, laws, rules and/or regulations. Licensee hereby voluntarily waives all such rights to a hearing, notice, appearance, or any other rights under said Constitutions, laws, rules and/or regulations. Licensee also agrees that the Board's Executive Director or her designee may present this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order to the Board and disclose to the Board all items of her investigation, including, but not limited to, any communications with Licensee.

4. That the Licensee's license to practice nursing in South Dakota and her privilege to practice nursing pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact shall be surrendered and the Board shall suspend said license for an indefinite period from the

date of this Order. Licensee may apply to have her license reinstated for good cause shown.

5. That nothing in this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order should imply that the Licensee shall be reinstated. Licensee recognizes that the reinstatement terms, as well as the requirements for reinstatement, are at the sole discretion of the Board.

6. That if the Licensee requests reinstatement, Licensee has the burden of presenting information showing that Licensee's license should be reinstated.

7. That it is further stipulated and agreed that this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order is being entered into voluntarily by the Licensee and without threats or coercion and is entered into after the Licensee has been given ample opportunity to consider these matters and to discuss this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order with an attorney of Licensee's choice and that the Licensee has a full understanding of the legal consequences of this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order and of the Licensee's rights to a formal hearing on these matters, which rights are hereby waived by the signing of this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order.

8. This action is reportable discipline and will be published in the Boards News Letter and posted on it's web site and reported into the HIPDB and NPDB data banks as required by law.

9. That the Board may enter an Order consistent with the terms of this Stipulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the foregoing Voluntary Surrender Consent Order is entered into and is respectfully submitted to the Board with the request that the Board adopt its terms as an Order of the Board in the above matter.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2008.

Nancy S. Meyer

Nancy S. Meyer, L.P.N., Licensee

The South Dakota Board of Nursing meeting on the 20th day of June, 2008, (approved)(rejected) the attached Voluntary Surrender Consent Order (as written)(with the following modifications):

and issued its Order as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Voluntary Surrender Consent Order is adopted shown herein by the South Dakota Board of Nursing this 20th day of June, 2008, by vote of 7-0.

K J Rausch for Gloria Damgaard

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director
South Dakota Board of Nursing