

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE :
PROCEEDINGS :
RE: THERESA M. CAMERON, R.N. : **ORDER FOR PROBATION**
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License No. R034430, :
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Licensee. :

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WHEREAS, Theresa M. Cameron, R.N., (“Licensee”), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number R034430; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2008, Licensee, upon her renewal application, disclosed a felony conviction for DUI 3rd on February 29, 2008, and the receipt of a Suspended Execution of Sentence, and a felony conviction for DUI 3rd on May 21, 2008, and the receipt of a Suspended Execution of Sentence with probation; and

WHEREAS, Licensee had voluntarily signed a Participation Agreement and enrolled with the Health Professionals Assistance Program (“HPAP”) in October of 2007, and had received treatment through Counseling Resources; and

WHEREAS, Licensee’s conduct as stated would be inconsistent with the health or safety of persons entrusted to her care and violates the rules and statutes regulating the practice of nursing and is in violation of SDCL § 36-9-49(4), (5), (7), and (10); and

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

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

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
2. That based upon the facts as disclosed by Licensee, the Licensee’s license to practice nursing in the State of South Dakota is hereby placed on a probationary status for an indefinite period of time, but for not less than twenty-four (24) months of active practice as a nurse, or employment in the nursing practice. The probationary terms and conditions set by the Board shall be completely followed by the Licensee. In addition, probationary terms and monitoring conditions shall be set by the HPAP program and the Licensee shall fully comply with these terms and conditions. After verification from HPAP that Licensee has fully completed all monitoring terms and after twenty-four (24) months of successful practice under the terms of this Order, Licensee may petition for closure of the Probation. The duration of terms of the HPAP however, shall not be less than five years or sixty (60) months. It is recognized that the Board may require

additional probationary time or additional terms upon completion of HPAP.

Additionally, Licensee shall comply with the following during her probation:

CONDITIONS:

1. Licensee shall at any time during the period of probation, report in person to such meeting of the Board, or to a designated representative, as directed and otherwise fully cooperate with the Board, or its representatives, in the terms of this Probation.

2. That the Licensee shall notify the Board, as well as the HPAP, in writing, within one (1) week of any change in nursing employment, personal address, and/or telephone number.

3. Licensee shall pay for all costs and expenses associated in carrying out any conditions of probation.

4. Upon renewal of the Licensee's license, the current renewal certificate will be stamped "Probation".

5. Notwithstanding, anything in this Order to the contrary, should Licensee again be convicted a felony, which would be grounds for discipline under SDCL § 36-9-49, either relating to the allegations which led to this Probation or to any other actions or omissions of the Licensee, the Board may take further action against Licensee's license, including, but not limited to, immediate suspension. Licensee will inform the Board of the outcome, if any, of any additional criminal charges presently or hereafter pending against the Licensee.

6. If Licensee violates any terms of this Probation, the Board may take such action against Licensee's license as the Board deems necessary, up to and including immediate suspension, additional Probationary terms, revocation, or other disciplinary action.

7. If the Licensee obtains a license issued solely or under joint regulatory powers by the Board, other than the license to which this stipulation refers, at any time during the time of Probation, the terms of this Probation shall apply to the other or additional license(s) issued by the Board.

8. Licensee shall not violate any law or regulation regarding the practice of nursing.

9. Licensee shall not practice nursing in any state other than South Dakota, which is a party state to the Nurse Licensure Compact, without prior written authorization from both the Board and the nursing regulatory authority in the party state in which the Licensee desires to practice.

10. The Probation also affects Licensee's privilege to practice in South Dakota. Should Licensee change her home state under the Nurse Licensure Compact and Licensee's practice privilege is subject to the same requirement as set forth in this Order as the South Dakota license.

The South Board of Nursing at its meeting on the 20th day of June, 2008, approved the above Probation Order as written, without modifications, and issues its

Order for Probation consistent herewith as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above is adopted as an Order of the South Dakota Board of Nursing this 20th day of June, 2008, by a vote of 7-0.

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Kathleen Krause for Gloria Damgaard
Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director