SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE

PROCEEDINGS

RE: KATHY DEDRICKSON, RN,

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

License No. R-028234

Licensee.

WHEREAS, Kathy Dedrickson, R.N., ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and hold license number R-028234; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 2, 2006, Mike Coley of the South Dakota Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP"), notified the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board"), of Licensee's recent arrest and charges for alleged possession of methamphetamine and counterfeiting; and

WHEREAS, Mike Coley of HPAP, on February 2, 2006, also contacted said Licensee regarding her recent arrest for alleged methamphetamine possession and counterfeiting and requested her to sign a voluntary refrain from nursing practice agreement until her situation can be investigated and resolved; and

WHEREAS, Licensee's conduct as stated would be inconsistent with the health and safety of persons entrusted to her care and violates the statutes, rules and regulations regarding the practice of nursing; and

WHEREAS, the Board has a statutory obligations to protect the public 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 ordered:

- 1. That the Board of Nursing has jurisdiction of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order;
- 2. That based upon the above, the Board specifically finds that the public health, safety, and welfare requires emergency action against Licensee's license;
- 3. That the Board specifically finds that the Licensee has not observed the terms of her HPAP and that the actions of Licensee endangered the public health, safety, and welfare and imperatively require immediate action in that the Licensee's actions may endanger the health and safety of those persons who are or will be entrusted to her care in the future and these matters are of a nature that would constitute further grounds for discipline of her license to practice nursing under SDCL § 36-9-49;
- 4. That based on these findings, the Licensee's license to practice nursing in the State of South Dakota is hereby suspended pending further investigation of the allegations against said Licensee and further action on her license;
- 5. The Licensee shall turn in her license to the Board within ten (10) days from the date of this Order and it should be kept by the Board until further action on this matter; and

6. That Licensee is hereby notified that any practice of or holding herself out as a registered nursing during the terms of this summary suspension is a violation of SDCL § 36-9-68.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2006.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Secretary

The South Dakota Board of Nursing meeting on the 7th day of February, 2006, approved this Order of Summary Suspension as written without modification and issues its Order consistent herein.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above is adopted as an Order of the South Dakota Board of Nursing this 7th day of February, 2006, by a vote of

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Gloria Damgaard, Executive Secretary