WHEREAS, Nichole Gjoraas, R.N., (“Licensee”), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number R029256; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2007, the South Dakota Board of Nursing, (“Board”), accepted a Voluntary Surrender Consent Order, signed by the Licensee on April 9, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Voluntary Surrender Consent Order suspended the Licensee’s R.N. license for an indefinite period subject to a reinstatement request pursuant to SDCL § 36-9-57, as the Board in its discretion may determine; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee made a reinstatement request, in writing, dated June 4, 2008, and personally appeared with her attorney, Mike Henderson, before the Board on June 20, 2008. Licensee presented documentation, medical information, letters of recommendation, and a full report from and an evaluation by the Health Professionals Assistance Program (“HPAP”), dated May 27, 2008, and answered questions of the
Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Licensee’s request, the statement and the documents provided by the Licensee, the previous Order, as well as Licensee’s own testimony, and being fully advised in the premises;

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 the Licensee’s license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota is hereby reinstated for active practice as a registered nurse.

3. That the Board hereby mandates Licensee’s participation in the Health Professionals Assistance Program (“HPAP”) for a period of one (1) year of active nursing practice. All monitoring conditions shall be set by HPAP, and Licensee shall fully comply with those terms and conditions.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Reinstatement Order was adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 20th day of June, 2008, by a vote of 7-0.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

[Signature]
Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director