

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS
RE: CARIN GREENHAGEN, RN**

**ORDER OF SUSPENSION UNDER
SDCL §36-9-49.1 and §1-26-29**

License No. R-028146

Licensee.

CARIN GREENHAGEN, RN, Licensee, is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number R-028146; and

WHEREAS, Licensee was recently discharged from employment at the Women's Prison by the State of South Dakota after allegations of consumption of alcohol while on duty, and physical and emotional abuse of clients and fellow employees and

WHEREAS, the Board staff investigation determined through review of the personnel file of Licensee that reports were made of chemical dependency on several occasions while on duty and potentially threatening behavior to fellow staff and to some inmates; and

WHEREAS, the Board is concerned that further evaluation is needed of Licensee's mental and chemical dependency conditions; and

WHEREAS, 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, SDCL § 36-9-49.1 and 1-26-29 provide that the Board may suspend Licensee's license under the conditions as set forth therein in that the public health, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action; now,

THEREFORE, THE BOARD ORDERS:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
2. That based upon the above recitals, the Board specifically finds that the public health, safety and welfare require emergency action pending proceedings for further action against Licensee's license. The recitals set forth above are specifically found by the Board.
3. The Board specifically finds by clear and convincing evidence that the Licensee's threatening behavior and actions as stated above in the recitals and findings and in reporting to work with the odor of alcohol endanger the public health, safety and welfare, and imperatively require emergency action and that the actions may endanger the health and safety of those persons who are or will be entrusted to her care in the future and that 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. The Board specifically finds that the mental condition of Licensee and the public health, safety and welfare, imperatively require emergency action and that the condition may endanger the health and safety of those persons who are or will be entrusted to her care in the future and that these matters are of a nature that would constitute further grounds for discipline of his license to practice nursing under SDCL §36-9-49.
5. Based upon these findings and until the Board further acts upon receipt of a psychological and a chemical dependency examination or on an agreed order with the Licensee, the Licensee's license to practice nursing in South Dakota is hereby suspended. This matter shall be considered by the South Dakota Board of Nursing at its next regularly scheduled meeting meeting with the results of the mental and psychiatric examination and chemical dependency as ordered herein to be presented to the Board at that time for consideration, assuming the examinations and the results are available by then. If not, then this suspension shall be extended. Assuming the results are available, this matter shall be considered by the South Dakota Board of Nursing at its next regularly scheduled Board meeting on November 29, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. at the Westward Ho Country Club in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at which time Licensee may appear in person and/or by counsel to address the above findings with the Board.
4. Licensee is further notified pursuant to SDCL § 36-9-49.1 that a majority of the Board has demanded a psychological and chemical dependency examination of Licensee at the Board's expense by each of the following competent psychological and chemical dependency examiners:

Paul A. Rentz, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist
Avera Research Institute
2020 S. Norton Avenue
Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 57105
Telephone (605) 322-3053.

Dr. Timothy Morgan
Psychiatry Associates
1000 E. 21st Street, Suite 4000
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105
Telephone (605) 322-5700

7. Licensee must contact said professional examiners and have her appointments made on or before October 20, 2001 with the results to be furnished to the Board. Licensee must advise the Board on or before October 15, 2001 as to when the Licensee has scheduled the appointments so that the Board may provide Licensee's file to the examiners. The examiners must contact the Board Office prior to the examination. If the Licensee fails to comply with the Board's direction, the Board may continue summary suspension pursuant to SDCL § 36-9-49.1. If the Licensee is unable to make an appointment with either of said examiners prior to October 20, 2001, Licensee shall so advise the Board and the Board Staff may extend this requirement until the Licensee is able to make an appointment. The results of the examinations must be furnished to the Board on or before November 15, 2001, or this matter will not be taken up at the Board's November meeting. Further orders concerning the Licensee's situation shall be based upon review of the assessments furnished herein and the investigative report filed herein and any subsequent conduct by the Licensee. It is anticipated that the Board will consider the reports at the Board meeting scheduled for November, 2001, assuming the reports are received in a timely manner. The Licensee is responsible for seeing that the evaluations are reported to the Board of Nursing staff at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the Board of Nursing's November meeting at which time her suspension is to be reconsidered, so that the Board has sufficient time to consider said evaluations. Should either of said evaluations for any reason not be reported to the Board of Nursing, the suspension shall continue indefinitely, until the next Board meeting following receipt of the reports.
8. Licensee shall turn her license to the Board within ten (10) days from the date of this Order.
9. Licensee is also hereby notified that any practice as or holding herself out as a licensed nurse during the term of this summary suspension is a violation of SDCL § 36-9-68.

The above Order was adopted as shown herein by the South Dakota Board of Nursing this 20th day of September, 2001, by a vote of 8 yes - 0 no.

Diana VanderWoude
Diana Vander Woude, Executive Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Carey Duffy of the South Dakota Board of Nursing do hereby certify that on this 25 day of September, 2001, I mailed a true and correct copy of the within and foregoing Order of Summary Suspension to:

Carin Greenhagen
P.O. Box 1165
Fort Pierre, SD 57501

Patty DeHueck
1309 E. Wells Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid thereon; and by United States certified mail, first-class postage prepaid thereon.

C. J. Duffy