



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND REGULATION
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Deann Gulbranson
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Dear Ms. Gulbranson:

The South Dakota Board of Nursing met in Sioux Falls, SD for its regularly scheduled meeting on January 23, 2003. The Board was informed of the following three incidents which occurred at the United Retirement Center: 1). On May 1, 2001 you pushed a resident's head into the wall while loudly ordering the resident to swallow; 2). In September 2001 you struck a resident's hand in an attempt to get the resident to take medication and 3). On October 31, 2002 you shoved a resident's head back to avoid being bitten.

Based upon the information outlined above, the Board determined that you were in violation of SDCL 36-9-49 for physical and verbal mistreatment of residents. As a result of these violations, the Board ordered that this Letter of Reprimand be issued to you in accordance with the disciplinary proceedings outlined in ARSD 20:48:08 with a copy of the Reprimand placed in your nursing file at the Board office. This final action of the Board will be published in the Board of Nursing newsletter as required by Administrative Rules in South Dakota.

In the future, when you complete your South Dakota license renewal form, you must answer, "yes" to the following question:

Has your license or certification in any state or Canadian province been denied, revoked, suspended, stipulated, placed on probation or otherwise subjected to any type of disciplinary action?

When answering "yes" to a question, you are to explain the dates and circumstances on a separate piece of paper, which is submitted along with license renewal forms.

If you have questions, related to this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Linda Benedict, RN; MA
Nursing Practice Specialist