

protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That Angela Heikens (“Heikens”) was licensed as a registered nurse in the State of Iowa beginning in 2002.
2. That on or about November, 2003, Heikens admitted herself to an inpatient program following a self report of addiction to the Iowa Board of Nursing.
3. That on or about February, 2004, Heikens came to South Dakota and took a Registered Nurse position at Queen City Medical Center located in Spearfish, South Dakota.
4. That after moving to South Dakota and beginning employment as a nurse, Heikens failed to obtain nursing licensure in the State of South Dakota.
5. That on or about October, 2004, Heikens’ employer, Queen City Medical Center, contacted the South Dakota Board of Nursing who advised that Heikens had not obtained licensure in the State of South Dakota.
6. That on or about October, 2004, Heikens disclosed to her employer the fact that there were pending criminal charges against her in Iowa for obtaining narcotics by fraud which is classified as a Class C felony.
7. That the Iowa Board of Nursing scheduled a licensure hearing for Heikens which was to be held in December, 2004. Said hearing was continued.

8. That on January 21, 2005, Licensee was called before the South Dakota Board of Nursing for an Informal Meeting regarding her lack of licensure in the State of South Dakota.

9. At the informal meeting, Heikens was advised that the action with the Iowa Board would need to be cleared prior to petitioning another state board for licensure. Heikens was encouraged to contact Mike Coley, program director of Health Professional Assistance Program ("HPAP").

10. That Heikens is currently being sought by authorities for the writing of bad checks in the State of South Dakota. Heikens current whereabouts is unknown.

11. That the Iowa Board of Nursing has recently informed the Board that Heikens entered into a Voluntary Surrender of her license in the State of Iowa.

From the foregoing Findings of Facts, the Board draws the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That the South Dakota Board of Nursing has jurisdiction and authority over this matter pursuant to the Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact, SDCL § 36-9-92 (Articles III and V).

2. That Licensee's conduct as identified in the Findings of Fact are in violation of the Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact pursuant to SDCL § 36-9-92 (Article III and V).

3. That Licensee's conduct as identified in the Findings of Fact are in violation of SDCL § 36-9-68(3) and (7).

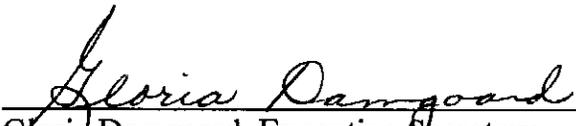
THEREFORE, let an Order be entered accordingly:

ORDER

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the South Dakota Board of Nursing hereby orders:

1. That Angela Heikens' privileged to practice as a Registered Nurse in the State of South Dakota under the Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact is hereby revoked.

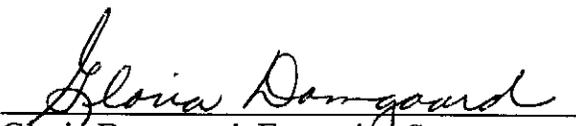
Dated this 8th day of April, 2005.



Gloria Damgaard, Executive Secretary
South Dakota Board of Nursing

The above captioned Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are hereby adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 8th day of April, 2005, by a vote of

9 yea 0 nays.



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