SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE: JEANETTE KREITEL, RN
License No. R-028064
Licensee.

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

WHEREAS, Jeanette Kreitel, RN ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number R-028064; and

WHEREAS, it has been alleged in complaints and through investigation that while employed as the Director of Nursing at the Palisades Nursing Home in Garretson, South Dakota, Licensee has failed to fully and accurately communicate with members of her staff, the medical director, families and law enforcement; has failed to fully and adequately document incidents or errors occurring at her facility; has failed to properly oversee the risk management activities at the facility; has failed to fully and accurately report matters of concern occurring within the facility to the Department of Health and to law enforcement; has provided direction to her staff which would constitute practicing outside the scope of her license; and has been engaged in conduct that is unprofessional and inconsistent with the health or safety of persons entrusted to her care; and

I certify that this is a true copy of a record on file in the Board of Nursing of the State of South Dakota.

Date 11-08-05

[Signature, Authorized Representative]
WHEREAS, an informal meeting was held with the Licensee, her attorney, John Schaeffer; Board attorney, Kristine Kreiter O’Connell; and Board staff, Gloria Damgaard, executive secretary; Andrew Albers and Nancy Bohr. (See Minutes of Informal Meeting dated Tuesday, February 1, 2005, which are hereby incorporated by reference as is set forth fully herein); and

WHEREAS, this matter was presented to the South Dakota Board of Nursing at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 9, 2005, in Pierre, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the board meeting it was determined that such conduct, if proven, would be inconsistent with the health or safety of persons entrusted to her care, and would violate the statutes and rules regarding the practice of nursing as set forth in SDCL 36-9-49(5)(10); and

WHEREAS, the Board determined that Licensee’s conduct and mental condition endangers the safety or health of persons who are entrusted to her care pursuant to SDCL 36-9-49.1, 36-9-49.1 and 1-26-29 allows the Board to take action upon us showing that the physical or mental condition of the Licensee endangers the health or safety of those persons who are or will be entrusted to her care, or endangers the public health or safety;

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;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:
1. That the Board has jurisdiction of the Licensee in the subject matter of this Order.

2. That based upon the above, 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 action by Licensee endangers the public health, safety and welfare and imperatively requires emergency action and that her 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 are matters are of the nature that would constitute further grounds for discipline of her license to practice nursing under SDCL 36-9-49.

4. That based upon these findings and until the Board acts further on the complaints being investigated concerning the Licensee, the Licensee’s license to practice nursing in South Dakota is hereby suspended. This matter shall be considered at the next South Dakota Board of Nursing meeting held in April 7, 2005, pursuant to the attached notice of hearing.

5. The Licensee shall turn in her license to the Board and it shall be kept until further action on this matter.
6. In addition, the Licensee is further notified pursuant to SDCL 36-9-49.1 that a majority of the Board has demanded a psychological/psychiatric examination of the Licensee, at the Board’s expense by the following competent psychological/psychiatric examiner: Dr. Berne Bahnsen. The Licensee must contact said professional examiner and have an appointment made and the results to be furnished to the Board prior to its April 7, 2005, meeting. Licensee must advise the Board on or before Feb 28, 2005, as to when the Licensee has scheduled an appointment so that the Board may provide Licensee’s file to the examiner. The examiner must contact the Board office prior to the examination. If the Licensee fails to comply with the Board’s direction, the Board may continue the Licensee’s summary suspension pursuant to SDCL 36-9-49.1.

7. That the Licensee is further notified that a majority of the Board has demanded that the Licensee complete the following continuing education courses prior to the April 7, 2004, Board meeting as follows:

- Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses;
- Ethics of Nursing Practice;
- Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills for Competent Nursing Practice;
- Disciplinary actions: What Every Nurse Should Know; and
8. Further orders concerning the Licensee's license shall be based upon a review of the assessments furnished herein and the investigative report file herein and any subsequent conduct by the Licensee.

9. Licensee is also hereby notified that any practice as, or holding herself out as a licensed nurse during the terms of this Summary Suspension is a violation of SDCL 36-9-68.

Dated this ___ day of February, 2005.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

[Signature]
Gloria Damgaard, Executive Secretary

The South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 9th day of February, 2005, approved the attached Order as written and it is hereby ordered that the above Order and required examination and remediation are adopted as shown herein by the South Dakota Board of Nursing by a vote of 7-0.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

[Signature]
Gloria Damgaard, Executive Secretary
NOTICE OF HEARING

The South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") pursuant to SDCL 1-26-16, 1-26-27, and 1-26-29, hereby provides this Notice of Hearing on an Order of Summary Suspension in regards to Jeanette Kreitel, RN, License No. R-028064 ("Licensee") as follows:

1. Hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension will take place before the Board on April 7, 2005, at ___ o'clock ___ m., at the South Dakota Board of Nursing office located at 4305 South Louise Avenue, Suite 201, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

2. This matter is an adversarial proceeding and the Licensee has the right to be present at the hearing and to be represented by an attorney. These due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing.

3. Licensee has the right to request that the agency use the Office of Hearing Examiners for this proceeding by giving notice of the request to the Board no later than ten (10) days after service of this Notice of Hearing on Order of Summary Suspension.

4. A decision issued by the Board after the hearing may be appealed to the circuit court and to the state Supreme Court as provided by law.

Dated this ___ day of February, 2005.

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Secretary
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 16th day of February, 2005, I sent to Jeanette Kreitel, c/o John A. Shaeffer, Shaeffer Law Office, Post Office Box 304, Flandreau, South Dakota 57028, attorney for Licensee, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Order of Summary Suspension and Notice of Hearing by certified and first-class mail, postage prepaid.

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Secretary