South Dakota Board of Nursing’s ("Board") Order of Summary Suspension of the license of Naomi Lindstrom, LPN, License No. P-006610 ("Licensee"), came on for hearing before the South Dakota Board of Nursing at its offices in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on September 13, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. Licensee, Naomi Lindstrom, having received notice of the Hearing and having been given the opportunity to confront Board witnesses and to present evidence on her behalf, did not appear in person or by an attorney. The Board appeared by and through its attorney Kristine Kreiter O'Connell.

The Board considered the evidentiary testimony of Andrew Albers. The Board also considered Exhibits numbered 1 to 4 entered into evidence, the Order of Summary Suspension, along with the affidavit and other documents on file in this case, and being charged with a statutory obligation to protect the public health safety and welfare as set forth in SDCL § 36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners, the Board hereby makes the following:
FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That Naomi Lindstrom, LPN is licensed to practice as a practical nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license No. P-006610.

2. That the South Dakota Board of Nursing staff held an Informal Meeting with Licensee on October 12, 2005.

3. At the Informal Meeting, Licensee confessed to diversion of narcotics, namely hydrocodone.

4. That Licensee voluntarily agreed to enter into the Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP") and voluntarily refrained from nursing practice.

5. On November 14, 2005, Licensee was mandated by the of South Dakota Board of Nursing, ("Board") into HPAP.

6. On December 22, 2005, the Licensee submitted to a second drug evaluation whereby she was diagnosed as having opioid abuse and it was recommended that she enter an outpatient treatment program.

7. As of January 6, 2006, the Licensee had not officially entered into HPAP.

8. On April 17, 2006, the Licensee signed a Participation Agreement with HPAP.

9. On July 12, 2006, Licensee was working at a manufacturing company in Beresford.

10. On July 12, 2006, Licensee’s level of compliance with HPAP was
unacceptable as she had not paid for the random drug test system, nor had she submitted a monthly self report. In addition, follow up with her treating professional had been sporadic.

11. On August 28, 2006, the HPAP program director advised the Board of Nursing that the Licensee had not complied with any conditions of her HPAP monitoring contract.

From the foregoing Findings of Fact 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 SDCL §§ 36-9-1.1 and 36-9-49.

2. That Licensee’s conduct as identified in the Findings of Fact are in violation of SDCL § 36-9-49(4)(7) and (10).

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 Licensee’s license to practice nursing in the State of South Dakota is hereby suspended.

2. That Licensee may petition according to SDCL § 36-9-57 for reinstatement of his license at any time for “good cause.”
3. That Licensee shall turn his license in to the Board of Nursing within ten (10) days from the date of this Order.

4. That Licensee is hereby notified that any practice as or holding herself out as a practical nurse during this term of suspension is a violation of SDCL § 36-9-68.

Dated this 13th day of September, 2006.

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director
South Dakota Board of Nursing

The above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order were adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 13th day of September, 2006, by a vote of 10-0.

Dated this 13th day of September, 2006.

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director
South Dakota Board of Nursing