SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS	:	
	:	**VOLUNTARY SURRENDER CONSENT ORDER**
RE: SUZANNE LYMAN, R.N., CRNA	:	
License No. R027317, CR000507	:	
Licensee.		

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WHEREAS, Suzanne Lyman, R.N., CRNA, ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse and a certified registered nurse anesthetist in the State of South Dakota and holds License numbers R027317 and CR000507; and

WHEREAS, said Licensee, on July 26, 2005, attended an Informal Meeting with the South Dakota Board of Nursing Staff regarding a complaint of alleged diversion of Morphine and Fentanyl from her place of employment for her own use. Licensee advised that she had received inpatient treatment at Keystone Treatment Center, and was discharged July 22, 2005. Licensee signed a Voluntary Refrain from Practice on July 26, 2005, and signed a Participation Agreement with the Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP") on August 15, 2005. She was mandated by the South Dakota Board of Nursing into HPAP on September 15, 2005.

On June 1, 2006, the Licensee returned to practice under HPAP monitoring conditions. On July 12, 2006, HPAP reported Licensee's self report of a single time use

of Valium in April, 2006. For this HPAP violation, Licensee was issued a Letter of Concern from the Board of Nursing on September 26, 2006.

On November 17, 2006, HPAP advised the South Dakota Board of Nursing of Licensee's relapse. On November 20, 2006, Licensee admitted to Board of Nursing Staff that she had diverted Fentanyl from her employer for self use which resulted in a respiratory arrest. Licensee signed a Voluntary Refrain from Practice on November 17, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Licensee has agreed that she would surrender her South Dakota nursing license; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("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, Licensee agrees that the matters under investigation would be of a nature that would constitute grounds for the discipline of her license to practice nursing in South Dakota under SDCL § 36-9-49; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee agrees that he enters into this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order voluntarily and without duress or compulsion, in full understanding of the legal consequences of this document and her rights; therefore,

ITS IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the

subject matter of this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order.

2. That the Licensee, on July 26, 2005, attended an Informal Meeting with the South Dakota Board of Nursing Staff regarding a complaint of alleged diversion of Morphine and Fentanyl from her place of employment for her own use. Licensee advised that she had received inpatient treatment at Keystone Treatment Center, and was discharged July 22, 2005. Licensee signed a Voluntary Refrain from Practice on July 26, 2005, and signed a Participation Agreement with the Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP") on August 15, 2005. She was mandated by the South Dakota Board of Nursing into HPAP on September 15, 2005.

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3. That the Licensee has been given an opportunity to discuss this Voluntary

Surrender Consent Order with an attorney of Licensee's choice, and is aware of her right to a hearing in this matter, and of her rights under the United States and South Dakota Constitutions, laws, rules and/or regulations. Licensee hereby voluntarily waives all such rights to a hearing, notice, appearance, or any other rights under said Constitutions, laws, rules and/or regulations. Licensee also agrees that the Board's Executive Secretary or her designee may present this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order to the Board and disclose to the Board all items of her investigation, including, but not limited to, any communications with Licensee.

4. That the Licensee's license to practice nursing in South Dakota and her privilege to practice nursing pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact shall be surrendered and the Board shall suspend said license for an indefinite period from the date of this Order. Licensee may apply to have her license reinstated for good cause shown.

5. That nothing in this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order should imply that the Licensee shall be reinstated. Licensee recognizes that the reinstatement terms, as well as the requirements for reinstatement, are at the sole discretion of the Board.

6. That if the Licensee requests reinstatement, Licensee has the burden of presenting information showing that Licensee's license should be reinstated.

7. That it is further stipulated and agreed that this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order is being entered into voluntarily by the Licensee and without threats or

coercion and is entered into after the Licensee has been given ample opportunity to consider these matters and to discuss this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order with an attorney of Licensee's choice and that the Licensee has a full understanding of the legal consequences of this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order and of the Licensee's rights to a formal hearing on these matters, which rights are hereby waived by the signing of this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order.

8. This action is reportable discipline and will be published in the Board's newsletter and posted on it's web site and reported into the NIPDB and NPDB data banks as required by law.

9. That the Board may enter an Order consistent with the terms of this Stipulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the foregoing Voluntary Surrender Consent Order is entered into and is respectfully submitted to the Board with the request that the Board adopt its terms as an Order of the Board in the above matter.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2006.

Suzanne Lyman

Suzanne Lyman, R.N., Licensee

The South Dakota Board of Nursing meeting on the 7th day of February

200 7, (approved)(rejected) the attached Voluntary Surrender Consent Order (as written) (with the following modifications):

and issued its Order as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Voluntary Surrender Consent Order is adopted shown herein by the South Dakota Board of Nursing this 7th day of February 200 7, by vote of 7-0.

Gloria Damgaard

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director
South Dakota Board of Nursing