SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE: LORRAINE M. NEZ, L.P.N.

License No. P010080,

Licensee.

WHEREAS, Lorraine M. Nez, LPN, ("Licensee") is licensed to practice as a practical nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number P010080; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 22, 2009, the Licensee entered into a Stipulation and Order for Probation with Remediation with the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board"). Said Stipulation and Order for Probation with Remediation is hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, Licensee completed the remediation portion of her Stipulation and Order for Probation with Remediation within the allotted time. However, Licensee was not fully compliant with the reporting requirements of her probation, which resulted in the Board issuing an Order for Continued Probation on April 22, 2010, for a term of one year. Said Order for Continued Probation is hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, Licensee, prior to completing the conditions of her Order for Continued Probation, self reported to the Board that she had been arrested in October
2010 on a third offense DUI and had completed treatment. Licensee’s case is currently pending. Licensee subsequently completed the reporting component of her probation. Licensee’s case was presented to the South Dakota Board of Nursing on June 15, 2011; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the subject matter of this probation.

2. That the Licensee’s license to practice as a practical nurse in the State of South Dakota is hereby placed on continued probationary status for a period of sixty (60) months of continued employment in nursing practice from the date of this Order.

Probationary terms and conditions shall be completed by the Licensee as follows:

A. That said probationary terms and monitoring conditions shall be set by the Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP") and the Licensee should fully comply with these terms and conditions. After successful practice under the terms of this Order, the Licensee may petition for closure of probation. The duration of the terms of probation as set by HPAP shall be no less than a period of sixty (60) months and it is recognized that the Board may require additional probationary time or additional terms upon the completion of HPAP. Licensee shall comply with the following as additional conditions of her probation:
CONDITIONS

1. That the Licensee shall, at any time during the period of probation, report in person to such meetings of the Board or to its designated representative as directed and fully cooperate with the Board or its representative in the terms of this probation.

2. Licensee shall not violate any law or regulations regarding the practice of nursing.

3. Licensee shall notify the Board, as well as HPAP, in writing, within one (1) week of any change in nursing employment, address, and/or telephone number.

4. Licensee shall pay for all costs and expenses in carrying out any conditions of probation.

5. If any condition of this probation is violated, the Licensee agrees that the Board may take such action as the Board deems necessary up to and including a total and complete revocation of Licensee’s licensing rights in the State of South Dakota.

6. The Licensee shall not practice nursing in any state other than South Dakota, which is a party state to the Nurse Licensure Compact, without prior written authorization from both the Board and the Nursing Regulatory Authority in the party state in which the Licensee desires to practice.

7. This probation also affects Licensee’s privilege to practice in South Dakota should Licensee change her home state under the Nurse Licensure Compact and
Licensee’s practice privilege is subject to the same requirement as set forth in this Order as her South Dakota license.

8. This is reportable discipline and will be published in the Board’s newsletter and posted on its website and reported in the HBIPDB and NPDB data banks as required by law. As this is reportable discipline, Licensee understands that she is required to provide an affirmative response to inquiries of disciplinary action on further renewals and other nursing related inquiries.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Second Order for Continued Probation with Mandated HPAP was adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing this 15th day of June, 2011, by a vote of 9 -- 0.

Dated this 24th day of June, 2011.

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director