SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF LICENSURE
PROCEEDINGS

RE: MARTYN L. PHILLIPS, R.N.
f/k/a MARTYN L. EDWARDS,

License No. R-026593,

Licensee.

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WHEREAS, Martyn L. Phillips, f/k/a Martyn L. Edwards, R.N. ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds License number R-026593; and

WHEREAS, said Licensee on March 12, 1990, while licensed in the State of Montana (license number RN 013278), entered into a Stipulation and Order with the Montana Board of Nursing, suspending her practice for a period of one year and placing her on probation for a period of three years based upon her diversion of controlled substances for personal use; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Licensee endorsed her nursing license into South Dakota and entered into a Stipulation and Consent Order with the South Dakota Board of Nursing for a two-year period of probation due to the drug-related issues in Montana. Said probation was from September 1, 1993, through September 1, 1995; and
WHEREAS, on April 16, 1998, due to a felony conviction for drug abuse and diversion, Licensee was ordered by the South Dakota Board of Nursing into the Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP") for monitoring for five years and was also placed on indefinite probation by the South Dakota Board of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2006, Licensee signed a Voluntary Refrain from Practice with the HPAP and with the South Dakota Board of Nursing due to concerns raised regarding continued substance abuse and suspected diversion from her workplace; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2006, Licensee attended an Informal Meeting with the Board of Nursing staff whereby Licensee admitted to continued chemical dependency; and

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

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("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 March 12, 1990, while licensed in the State of Montana (license number RN 013278), entered into a Stipulation and Order with the Montana Board of Nursing, suspending her practice for a period of one year and placing her on probation for a period of three years based upon her diversion of controlled substances for personal use. In 1993, Licensee endorsed her nursing license into South Dakota and entered into a Stipulation and Consent Order with the South Dakota Board of Nursing for a two-year period of probation due to the drug-related issues in Montana; said probation was from September 1, 1993, through September 1, 1995. On April 16, 1998, due to a felony conviction for drug abuse and diversion, Licensee was ordered by the South Dakota Board of Nursing into the Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP") for monitoring for five years and was also placed on indefinite probation by the South Dakota Board of Nursing. On May 3, 2006, Licensee signed a Voluntary Refrain from Practice with the HPAP and with the South Dakota Board of Nursing due to concerns raised regarding continued substance abuse and suspected diversion from her workplace. On May 9, 2006, Licensee attended an Informal Meeting with the Board of Nursing staff whereby Licensee admitted to continued chemical dependency. Licensee
now intends to leave the profession of nursing as a registered nurse.

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 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. 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 1st day of June, 2006.

[Signature]
Martyn L. Phillips, R.N., Licensee
The South Dakota Board of Nursing meeting on the 23rd day of June, 2006 approved 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 23rd day of June, 2006, by vote of 8 - 0.

Gloria Damgaard
Gloria Damgaard, Executive Secretary
South Dakota Board of Nursing