



WHEREAS, upon request for a drug screen, the Licensee provided a number of excuses why she could not go and have the drug screen test. After multiple requests, the Licensee did complete a drug screen on August 25, 2013 at the Pierre hospital, which was positive for opiates. The Licensee was terminated from her employment; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 9, 2013, Winora Robles, Board staff, spoke with the Licensee and sent a Voluntary Refrain from Practice Agreement to the Licensee to sign pending the investigation. The letter also provided contact information for the Health Professionals Assistance Program (“HPAP”); and

WHEREAS, on or about December 12, 2013, Board staff visited with the Licensee via telephone and Licensee stated that she did not want to work as a nurse “now, maybe never.” Licensee requested that the Board delay action on her beyond January 2014; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2013, the Licensee returned a signed Voluntary Refrain from Practice agreement to the Board. Licensee wrote “I never refused a drug screen!!” on the document; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2014, Board staff attempted to contact the Licensee via telephone on three occasions to set up an Informal Meeting with her to discuss her case. The attempts were without result. The Board sent to Licensee a letter via United States first-class mail and via United States certified mail, informing her that the Board wanted to hold an Informal Meeting with her on April 16, 2014 to discuss the allegations received; and