SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE: SHANNA SHANNON, L.P.N.

License No. P009176,

Licensee.

WHEREAS, Shanna Shannon, L.P.N., (“Licensee”), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number P009176; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 7, 2007, the South Dakota Board of Nursing received a complaint from the South Dakota DCI that Licensee had confessed to diverting the prescription narcotic, oxycodone from the Morningstar Assisted Living Center.

On August 21, 2007, Licensee was scheduled for an Informal Meeting at the South Dakota Board of Nursing office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota but did not attend.

On August 22, 2007, the Licensee contacted the Board of Nursing office by telephone to inform the Board that the reason she did not attend her Informal Meeting was that she had been admitted to the Keystone Rehabilitation Center in Canton, South Dakota. She also confessed to having diverted oxycodone from the Morningstar Assisted Living Center since December, 2006. The Licensee also admitted that she had been taking up to fifty tablets of oxycodone a day for the last month. As Licensee was not
scheduled to be discharged until September 7, 2007, an Informal Meeting was rescheduled for September 14, 2007. On August 27, 2007, the Licensee signed a Voluntary Refrain from Practice Statement and sent it to the Board of Nursing office.

Licensee did not appear at the September 14, 2007 Informal Meeting and was thereafter contacted by telephone at her residence. The Licensee agreed to have the Informal Meeting via telephone. The minutes of the Informal Meeting conducted via telephone are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

During the telephone interview, the Licensee made full confession to the diversion of oxycodone from the Morningstar Assisted Living Center and agreed to voluntarily surrender her license to the South Dakota Board of Nursing.

On September 21, 2007, an original Voluntary Surrender Consent Order was forwarded to the Licensee for her signature. To this date, Licensee has not returned the signed Voluntary Surrender Consent Order.

WHEREAS, based upon the affidavit of Andrew Albers and the above stated conduct, the Board has concluded that the public health, safety and welfare requires emergency action, in that Licensee’s actions may endanger the health and safety of those who are, or will be, entrusted to her care in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Board, has a statutory obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare set forth in SDCL §36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners.
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.

2. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the public health, safety and welfare require emergency action against Licensee’s license.

3. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the Licensee’s actions endanger the public health, safety and welfare, and imperatively requires emergency action in that Licensee may endanger the health and safety of those persons who are or will be entrusted to her care in the future and that these are matters of a nature that would constitute further grounds for discipline of her license to practice nursing under SDCL § 36-9-49.

4. Based upon these findings, Licensee’s license to practice nursing in South Dakota is hereby summarily suspended. Licensee may petition according to SDCL § 36-9-57 for reinstatement of her license at any time for “good cause”. This Order also affects licensee’s privilege to practice in South Dakota. Should licensee change her home state under the Nurse Licensure Compact, then licensee’s practice privilege is subject to the same requirements as set forth in this order as her South Dakota license.

5. That Licensee shall turn in her license to the Board within ten (10) days from the date of this Order and it shall be kept by the Board until further action on this matter.
6. Licensee is hereby notified that any practice of or holding herself out as a Registered nurse during the terms of this Order of Summary Suspension is a violation of SDCL § 36-9-68.

The South Board of Nursing at its meeting on the 2nd day of November, 2007, approved this Order of Summary Suspension as written without modifications and issues its Order of Summary Suspension consistent herein as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above is adopted as an Order of the South Dakota Board of Nursing this 2nd day of November, 2007, by a vote of ✔️

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director

NOTICE OF HEARING

The South Dakota Board of Nursing (“Board”) pursuant to SDCL §§ 1-26-16, 1-26-27, and 1-26-29, hereby provides this Notice of Hearing to Shanna Shannon, L.P.N., License No. P009176 (“Licensee”) as follows:
1. Hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension will take place before the Board on January 29, 2007, at 3 o’clock p.m. at 4305 S. Louise Avenue, Suite 201 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

2. This matter is an adversarial proceeding and Licensee has the right to be present at the hearing and to be represented by an attorney. These due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing.

3. Licensee has a right to request that the agency use the Office of Hearing Examiners for this proceeding by giving notice of the request to the Board no later than ten (10) days after the service of this Notice of Hearing on Order of Summary Suspension.

4. A decision issued by the Board after the hearing may be appealed to the circuit court and to the state Supreme Court as provided by law.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2007.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director