

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE :
PROCEEDINGS :

RE: BRANDE LEA VANWOERT, RN : **ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT**
: **WITH PROBATION**

License No. R027955, :
Licensee. :

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WHEREAS, Brande Lea VanWoert, RN, (“Licensee”), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number R027955; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2012, the South Dakota Board of Nursing (“Board”) accepted a Voluntary Surrender Consent Order signed by the Licensee on June 29, 2012, arising out of her admission of diversion of controlled substances from her employer facility for her own use; and

WHEREAS, the Voluntary Surrender Consent Order suspended the Licensee’s RN license for an indefinite period subject to a reinstatement request pursuant to SDCL § 36-9-59, as the Board in its discretion may determine; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee made a reinstatement request in writing dated December 13, 2013 and personally appeared before the Board on January 23, 2014, at which time the matter of Licensee’s reinstatement was presented to the Board. The Licensee presented documentation supporting her reinstatement, including employer performance

reviews and references. The Board was also provided with an evaluation report from the Health Professionals Assistance Program (“HPAP”) dated January 22, 2014. Maria Eining of HPAP provided testimony and answered questions in regards to the HPAP report and recommendations. Licensee also provided testimony and answered questions of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Licensee’s request, the statement and documents provided by the Licensee, the previous Orders, the HPAP report, as well as Licensee’s own testimony and being fully advised in the premises;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
2. That the Licensee’s license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota is hereby reinstated and placed on probationary status for a period of five (5) years of active practice as a registered nurse that coincides with Licensee’s HPAP Participation.
3. The Board hereby mandates Licensee’s continued participation in the Health Professionals Assistance Program for a period of five (5) years with credit given for time of previous successful participation in the program.