SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE: JAYSLIE L. WITKOP, RN,
License No. R033108

Licensee.

WHEREAS, Jaysie L. Witkop, R.N., ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number R033108; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 2, 2009, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") received a complaint from Licensee’s employer, The Heart Hospital of South Dakota, regarding suspicious PYXIS activity by the Licensee. After receiving the complaint, Board staff began investigation into the complaint received.

In reviewing the records, it was noted that the Licensee was using the PYXIS cancel remove option on patients for whom she was not providing care. A review of records also noted medications documented on the medical administration record as given, but the withdrawal of medication from PYXIS was canceled.

Licensee’s employer reported to Board staff that a search of Licensee’s locker produced Avera packaged acetaminophen, ibuprofen, and Seraquel in violation of hospital policy. A drug screen test done by the employer had negative results.
As part of the investigation, Board staff arranged for the Licensee to attend an Informal Meeting. Said meeting was to take place at the Board office in Sioux Falls on June 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. A letter dated April 27, 2009, was sent to Licensee at her last known address. Licensee did not attend nor notify Board staff that she would not be attending her Informal Meeting.

WHEREAS, based upon the affidavit of Kathleen Rausch and the above stated conduct, the Board has concluded that the public health, safety, and welfare require 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 require
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(5), (7), and (10).

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.

7. That this action is reportable discipline and will be published in the Board’s newsletter, posted on its website, and reported into the HIPDB and NPDB data banks as required by law.
The South Board of Nursing at its meeting on the 18th day of June 2009 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 18th day of June, 2009 by a vote of 10 -- 0.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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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 Jaysie L. Witcop, RN, License No. R033108 ("Licensee") as follows:

1. Hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension will take place before the Board on September 16th, 2009, at 10 a.m. o'clock a.m. at the Board of Nursing office, 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 30th day of June, 2009.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

[Signature]
Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director