SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE: JODI L. LEONARDI. RN

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT WITH MANDATED HPAP

License No. R033761

Licensee.

WHEREAS, Jodi L. Leonardi, RN, ("Licensee") was licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and held license number R033761; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 2015, the Licensee returned to the State of South Dakota to practice and voluntarily contacted the South Dakota Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP"). Licensee had a pending application to the IPN (a program that is similar to HPAP in Florida, where the Licensee is also licensed). Licensee signed the HPAP participation agreement on September 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 5, 2015, the Licensee failed to comply with the terms of her HPAP participation agreement; specifically, testing positive for alcohol. At that time, the Licensee did not sign the Voluntary Refrain from Practice as requested by HPAP and Licensee stopped checking into the monitoring system. The Florida IPN was informed of the Licensee's noncompliance with HPAP. On October 28, 2015, the South Dakota Board received a letter from HPAP advising of Licensee's unsuccessful discharge from the program; and

WHEREAS, at that time, Licensee agreed that she would surrender her South Dakota nursing license to address her current situation; and

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WHEREAS, Licensee entered into a Voluntary Surrender Consent Order with the Board, which was signed by the Licensee on December 19, 2015, and accepted by the Board on December 31, 2015. Said Voluntary Surrender Consent Order suspended the Licensee's RN license for an indefinite period subject to reinstatement request pursuant to SDCL § 36-9-57, as the Board in its discretion may determine; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee made a reinstatement request, dated March 27, 2017, at which time the matter of Licensee's reinstatement was presented to the Board. The Board also received an evaluation report from HPAP dated April 3, 2017, evidencing Licensee's participation; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Licensee's request, the documents submitted, and being fully advised in the premises;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
- That the Licensee's license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South
 Dakota is hereby reinstated.
 - 3. The Board hereby mandates Licensee's continued participation in HPAP.
- 4. All terms and conditions as well as clearance to return to employment and any restrictions on access to narcotics shall be set by HPAP, and the Licensee shall fully comply with all of those terms and conditions.
- 5. Additionally, Licensee shall comply with the following conditions during the term of this order:

CONDITIONS

- 1. Licensee shall at any time during the term of this order report in person to such meetings of the Board or to its designated representative as directed and otherwise fully cooperate with the Board or its representatives in terms of this order.
- 2. The Licensee shall notify the Board, as well as the HPAP, in writing, within one (1) week of any change in nursing employment, personal address, and/or telephone number.
 - 3. Licensee shall pay for all costs and expenses in carrying out conditions of HPAP.
- 4. During the term of this order, the Licensee is to immediately inform the Board of the outcome of any criminal charges presently or hereafter pending against the Licensee, and whether the Licensee has been convicted, pled no contest, *nolo contendere*, pled guilty to or been granted a deferred judgment or adjudication, suspended imposition of sentence with respect to a felony, misdemeanor or petty offense, other than minor traffic violations, that have not previously been reported to the Board.
- 5. If the Licensee violates any terms of this order, the Board may take such action against Licensee's license as the Board deems necessary, up to and including an immediate suspension, additional terms, revocation, or other disciplinary action.
 - 6. Licensee shall not violate any law or regulation regarding the practice of nursing.
- 7. The Licensee shall not practice nursing in any state other than South Dakota, which is a party state to the Nurse Licensure Compact, without prior written authorization from both the Board and the Nursing Regulatory Authority in the party state in which the Licensee desires to practice.

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8. This order also affects Licensee's practice privilege to practice in South Dakota should Licensee change her home state under the Nurse Licensure Compact and Licensee's practice privilege is subject to the same requirements set forth in this order as her South Dakota license.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Order of Reinstatement with Mandated HPAP was adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 20th day of April, 2017, by a vote of 9-0.

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