WHEREAS, Chelsey Swanson, RN ("Licensee"), was licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and held license number R038317; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2014, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") received a report that the Licensee had reported to work in an impaired state with an alcohol level of 0.181. The Licensee signed a Voluntary Refrain from Practice and began the intake process with the Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP"). On February 5, 2015, the Board mandated the Licensee into HPAP. On September 17, 2015, the Licensee was formally notified that she had been discharged from HPAP for failure to comply with the individualized Participation Agreement. The Board accepted the voluntary surrender of Licensee’s license on September 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 15, 2017, the Licensee made a reinstatement request in writing, at which time the matter of Licensee’s reinstatement was presented to the Board. The Licensee submitted an evaluation report dated August 15, 2017, from HPAP evidencing her participation. The Licensee also provided letters of support for her reinstatement; 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:

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.

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 the 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 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. That following completion of the application for reinstatement, the Licensee shall be issued her RN license by the Board office.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Licensee shall not violate any law or regulation regarding the practice of nursing.

8. 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.

9. 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.
Order of Reinstatement with Mandated HPAP
Licensee: Chelsey Swanson, RN

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Order of Reinstatement with Mandated HPAP
was adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 21st day of September, 2017, by a
vote of 7-0.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS
Executive Director