SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE: JON SOVELL, RN, CRNA,
License No. R031957 & CR000725,
Licensee.

AGREED UPON DISPOSITION FOR PROBATION ON SOUTH DAKOTA RN AND CRNA LICENSES TO MIRROR JUNE 7, 2018, MINNESOTA BOARD OF NURSING ORDER

WHEREAS, Jon Sovell, RN, CRNA ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse and a certified registered nurse anesthetist in the State of South Dakota and holds license numbers R031957 and CR000725 respectively; and

WHEREAS, in or around the months of June to December 2016, the Licensee was providing contract anesthesia services at a healthcare facility in Minnesota. The facility reported various practice concerns regarding the Licensee to the Minnesota Board of Nursing ("Minnesota Board"); and

WHEREAS, following investigation, the Minnesota Board, in June 2018, placed Licensee’s Minnesota CRNA license on probation. Licensee was also placed on a 90-day probationary period by the medical facility; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2017, Licensee renewed his South Dakota licenses; and

WHEREAS, in October 2017, the Minnesota Board notified Licensee of the complaint and the action taken by the Minnesota Board; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board and the Licensee entered into a Stipulation and Consent Order. Said Stipulation is hereby attached and incorporated by reference as if fully set
forth herein. Thereafter, the South Dakota Board became aware of the action taken in the State of Minnesota and the South Dakota Board began its investigation; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee agrees that his conduct would be inconsistent with the health and safety of persons entrusted to his care in South Dakota and violates the rules and statutes regulating the practice of nursing and is in violation of SDCL § 36-9-49 (5), (6), (7), and (10); and

WHEREAS, the Licensee recognizes that these matters are of a nature which would constitute grounds for the discipline of his license to practice nursing in South Dakota under SDCL §36-9-49; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board has a statutory obligation to protect the public health, safety and welfare as set forth in SDCL §36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee has expressed a desire to resolve this matter without the necessity of additional formal disciplinary proceedings and hearings; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board has agreed to enter into a stipulation for probation which mirrors all terms and conditions of the order that was issued by the Minnesota Board. The Licensee hereby waives a contested case hearing on this matter and agrees to the terms and conditions as outlined in the Stipulation and Consent Order issued by the Minnesota Board dated June 7, 2018, and is adopted as an Order herein.
Agreed Upon Disposition for Probation on South Dakota RN and CRNA Licenses to Mirror June 7, 2018, Minnesota Board of Nursing Order
Jon Sovell, RN, CRNA

Licensee hereby enters into this agreed-upon disposition for probation with the South Dakota Board of Nursing with terms and conditions to mirror the Minnesota Order as attached herein.

Dated this 19 day of October, 2018.

Jon Sovell

The South Dakota Board of Nursing met on the 15th day of November, 2018, and approved the above agreed-upon disposition as written and issued its order for probation consistent herewith by a vote of 6-0. THEREFORE;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Agreed Upon Disposition for Probation on South Dakota RN and CRNA Licenses to Mirror the June 7, 2018, Minnesota Board of Nursing Order is adopted as an Order of the South Dakota Board of Nursing this 16th day of November, 2018.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS
Executive Director