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BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson #1051 Topeka, Kansas 66612-1230

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IN THE MATTER OF MELISSA BETH HOUSE

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License No. 13-111373-112

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Case No. 11-1433-1

PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER TO REVOKING LICENSE

NOW ON THIS day of February, 2015, petitioner, the Kansas State Board of Nursing, appears by disciplinary counsel, Michael R. Fitzgibbons, Assistant Attorney General, for a Hearing on the Petition. Respondent does not appear.

Wherefore, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

- 1. Respondent is licensed to practice nursing in Kansas. The Kansas State Board of Nursing has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this action.
- 2. Respondent was sent a copy of the petition and notice of this hearing to respondent's last known address and service is proper. Respondent does not appear.
- 3. Petitioner moves for issuance of a proposed default order revoking respondent's license. The petitioner's request is granted by default pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520.
- 4. The petition is hereby granted and incorporated into this order as if set forth herein. Respondent violated the Nurse Practice Act as alleged in the petition.
- Per Petitioner's request, Respondent's license to practice nursing is revoked.
 Respondent may not practice nursing in Kansas.
- 6. Costs of the action of \$70 are assessed to respondent to be paid to the board by cash or money order within 30 days of the effective date of this order.
- 7. Respondent shall immediately forward his or her original Kansas nursing license to the Kansas State Board of Nursing.

- 8. This Proposed Default Order shall become effective seven days after service or ten days after mailing of this order unless the Respondent files a written motion with the Board stating why the Proposed Default Order should be vacated and the order is then vacated.
- 9. If this Proposed Default Order becomes effective, the Respondent's request for administrative hearing is dismissed pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520(d).
- 10. Disciplinary counsel shall mail a copy of this proposed default order to respondent's last known address.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Sandra Sharon, Presiding Officer Office of Administrative Hearings 1020 S Kansas Ave. Topeka, KS 66612-1327

NOTICE

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-527, either party may request a review of this order by filing a petition for review with the Kansas State Board of Nursing. The petition for review shall state its basis. A petition for review must be filed within 7 days from the date this order becomes effective. Failure to timely request a review by the Kansas State Board of Nursing may preclude further judicial review. The petition for review shall be mailed or personally delivered to: State Board of Nursing - Legal Division, Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Ste 1051, Topeka, KS 66612-1230.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-530, if neither party requests a review by the Kansas State Board of Nursing, then this initial order becomes final and binding on both parties on the 30th day following its service.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-531, if the initial order is served by mail, three days are added to the time limits set out above.

Michael R. Fitzgibbons, #1228

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the And day of March, 2015, the foregoing copy of the PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER TO REVOKING LICENSE was served by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Melissa Beth House HC1 Box 119 224 Elkhart Ave Elkhart, Kansas 67950

Michael R. Fitzgibbons, #12287 Assistant Attorney General

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PETITION

COMES NOW the petitioner, the Kansas State Board of Nursing, by and through
Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Board, Michael R. Fitzgibbons, and for its cause of
action states that:

- 1. Respondent, Melissa Beth House, is licensed to practice nursing in Kansas. The Board has jurisdiction over the respondent and the subject matter of this action.
- 2. Respondent's address of record is HC1 Box 119 224 Elkhart Ave Elkhart, Kansas 67950..
- 3. After an investigation, the Board's investigative committee found reasonable grounds to believe that the respondent violated the Kansas Nurse Practice Act, K.S.A. 65-1120, and referred this matter for further proceedings.
- 4. The Kansas State Board of Nursing has the authority under K.S.A. 74-1106 et seq. to examine, license and renew license for duly qualified applicants and may limit, deny, suspend or revoke a license or authorization to practice nursing, may issue a public or private censure and levy administrative fines consistent with K.S.A. 74-1110, if a violation of K.S.A. 65-1120(a) is established.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

- 5. The facts below are common to all counts:
 - (a) According to a report, it is alleged that while licensee was employed by Morton

 County Health System, Elkhart, Kansas, licensee accessed patient records without authorization.

- (b) This incident alleged occurred in July, 2011.
- (c) Licensee was contacted on the 13th day of December,2013 and offered continuing nursing education as a non disciplinary action.
- (d) On the 30th of December, 2013, licensee agreed to complete the requested CNE.
- (e) On the 19th day of March, 2014, licensee was contacted in writing by the KSBN investigator regarding the requested CNE on Professional Boundaries.
- (f) Licensee failed to complete the agreed to CNE that was requested by KSBN.
- (g) Licensee was contacted on the 16th day of June, 2014, and again requested to complete the CNE requested.
- (h) Licensee has failed to complete the re education that was requested and agreed upon.

VIOLATIONS

6. Respondent has violated the Kansas Nurse Practice Act as follows:

Count 1: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(3) unprofessional conduct in disclosing patient information KAR 60-3-110 (j) in violation of confidentiality of information or knowledge concerning any patient.

Count 2: K.S.A. 65-1120 (3) to be guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined as defined by rules and regulations of the board by violating the existing policies and procedures of the medical facility KAR 60-3-110 (t) and failing to furnish the board, its investigators, or its representative with any information legally requested by the board.

WHEREFORE, petitioner requests a finding that the respondent has violated the Nurse Practice Act, that respondent's license to practice nursing in Kansas be revoked, and that costs of this action be assessed to the respondent in the amount of \$70.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Schmidt

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Ву:

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