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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 MARY CHRISTINE WASSENBERG

License No 24-26815-121

Case No. 12-1960-9

PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER TO REVOKE LICENSE

NOW ON THIS 23 day of November 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 \$100 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, #12287

Disciplinary Counsel

Kansas State Board of Nursing 900 S.W. Jackson, Suite #1051

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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certify that on the ay of /	V(Wembl) 2015, the foregoing copy of the
PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER TO REV	OKE LICENSE was served by depositing the same in
the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:	

Mary Christine Wassenberg 1120 Starlite Circle Topeka, Kansas 66608

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, Mary Christine Wassenberg is licensed to practice nursing in Kansas through December 2015. The Board has jurisdiction over the respondent and the subject matter of this action.
- 2. Respondent's address of record is 1120 Starlite Circle Topeka, Kansas 66608.
- 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 employed at McCrite Plaza Retirement Community, Topeka, Kansas, licensee failed to assess stage three (3) and four (4) wounds on a resident L.S.

- (b) It is also alleged that licensee failed to notify physician and family for these wounds.
- (c) This incident occurred on or about the 25th day of July 2012.
- (d) Licensee was suspended and terminated on the 26th day of July, 2012.
- (e) Licensee also exceeded the scope of her license by rendering IV therapy without the proper certification.

VIOLATIONS

- 6. Respondent has violated the Kansas Nurse Practice Act as follows:
- Count 1: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(3) to have committed an act of professional incompetency as defined in subsection (e) in practicing outside of the scope of license.
- Count 2: K.S.A. 65 1120(a)(6) 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 (b) without making or obtained adequate preparation or maintaining competency.
- Count 3 K.S.A. 65-1120 (e) (3) professional incompetence as defined as a pattern of practice or other behavior which demonstrates a manifest incapacity or incompetence to practice nursing.
- Count 4: K.S.A. 65-1120(e)(1) to have committed an act of professional incompetency as defined in subsection (e) in one or more instances involving failure to adhere to the applicable standards of care to a degree which constitutes gross negligence, as determine by the board.
- Count 5: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6), unprofessional conduct, by inaccurately recording, falsifying or altering documents.

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 \$100.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Schmidt Kansas Attorney General

By:

Michael R. Fitzgibbons #12287 Assistant Attorney General Kansas State Board of Nursing Landon State Office Building 900 SW Jackson #1051

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