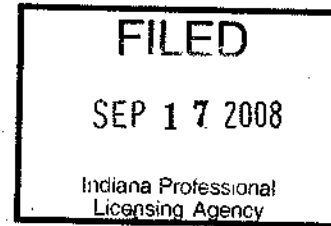


IN THE MATTER OF THE)
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LICENSE OF HEIDI JO HITE, L.P.N.)
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LICENSE NUMBER: 27049939A)
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**EXTENSION OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER AND
ORDER SETTING ASIDE NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER**

A hearing was scheduled to be held on July 17, 2008 before the Indiana State Board of Nursing ("Board") in the Auditorium of the Conference Center in the Indiana Government Center South, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204, to consider the Administrative Complaint filed by the State of Indiana on or about March 20, 2008, against the license of Heidi Jo Hite, L.P.N. ("Respondent").

Morgan L. Wills, Deputy Attorney General, represented the State of Indiana. Respondent failed to appear in person or by counsel. Respondent filed a Response to the Board's Notice of Proposed Default Order stating that she was in jail at the time of the hearing and therefore could not appear. The Board accepted this response as valid and set aside the Notice of Proposed Default Order by a vote of 7-0-0.

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 4-21.5-4-1 *et seq.* and § 25-1-9-10, and after taking judicial notice of its file, the Board, by a vote of 7-0-0, hereby **ORDERS** the summary suspension of Respondent's nursing license be extended for an additional ninety (90) days so that a new hearing may be scheduled, as the Board finds that an emergency continues to exist and that the Respondent represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if allowed to

continue to practice in the State of Indiana based on the evidence in the Board's file and the following:

1. Respondent is a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of Indiana holding license number 27049939A since October 18, 2001. Respondent's address on file with the Board is 901 South Buckingham, Yorktown, IN 47396.
2. On or about September 10, 2001, Respondent began her employment with Ball Memorial Hospital ("BMH") in Muncie, Indiana.
3. On or about November 15, 2006, BMH's staff became suspicious of the Respondent due to her behavioral changes when a patient's medication was missing. A Pyxis report was completed for the Respondent's withdrawals between September 1, 2006 through November 15, 2006. The investigation revealed that the Respondent did not document medication administration for 37 of 59 controlled substances obtained from the Pyxis machine. Some of these doses were made after the patients were discharged and many were for patients to which the Respondent was not assigned. When interviewed, Respondent became defensive, but then admitted diversion and agreed to enter the Indiana State Nurses Assistance Program ("ISNAP") in lieu of termination. Respondent was then placed on administrative leave of absence.
4. On or about December 11, 2006, Respondent called ISNAP to initiate intake procedures and admitted diversion of controlled substances from her employer.
5. On or about February 8, 2007, Respondent was diagnosed with opioid dependence by Richard Baker at Meridian Health Services. ISNAP recommended a three (3) year Recovery Monitoring Agreement ("RMA").

6. On or about April 25, 2007, Respondent informed ISNAP that she was referred to Dr. Trowbridge, who prescribed her Elavil and Hydrocodone. Respondent indicated that she would not be entering monitoring.

7. On or about April 26, 2007, Respondent's ISNAP file was closed for failing to enter monitoring.

8. On or about May 21, 2007, Respondent's employment with BMH was terminated for failing to enter monitoring with ISNAP as agreed.

9. Respondent is a clear and immediate danger to the public.

ORDER

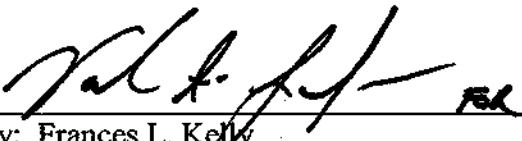
WHEREFORE, RESPONDENT IS ORDERED to immediately cease and desist from all acts constituting the practice nursing for an additional period of ninety (90) days from the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Respondent shall immediately surrender her pocket license and wall license to the Board, in care of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, 402 West Washington Street, Room W072, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Board's Notice of Proposed Default Order is set aside and the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency is to issue a separate hearing notice to reset this cause for a final administrative hearing.

SO ORDERED, this 17th day of September, 2008; this SUMMARY SUSPENSION is effective as of August 21, 2008.

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING


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