## BEFORE THE INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING CAUSE NUMBER: 2017 NB 0136

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:	)	FILED
AIMEE SUE LITER BUCHANAN, R.N.,	ý	JAN 2 4 2022
LICENSE NO.: 28131139A	)	Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

### FINAL ORDER

Jason King, D.N.P., R.N. member of the Indiana State Board of Nursing ("Board"), pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3-9 to act as an administrative law judge, held an administrative hearing on December 2, 2021, concerning Aimee Sue Liter Buchanan's ("Petitioner") Petition to Withdraw Probation from her license as a nurse.

A copy of the administrative law judge's "Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order" is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and made a part hereof.

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3-29(c) the Board, at its meeting of January 20, 2022, votes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ to affirm said Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order and adopt it as a final order in this proceeding.

The probation on Petitioner's license as a nurse is WITHDRAWN.

ISSUED this 244 day of January 2022.

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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Kim Cooper, M.S.N., R.N.

**Board President** 

Indiana State Board of Nursing

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the "Final Order" has been duly served upon:

Aimee Sue Liter Buchanan 3797 E Orad Spring Road Deputy, IN 47230 Service by U.S. Mail

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1. 24.2022 Date

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## RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

Jason King, D.N.P., R.N. of the Indiana State Board of Nursing ("Board"), pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3-9 to act as an administrative law judge, held an administrative hearing on December 2, 2021, via Webex, concerning Aimee Sue Liter Buchanan's ("Petitioner") Petition to Withdraw Probation from her license as a nurse.

Petitioner appeared in person and waived her right to be represented by counsel. The State of Indiana was represented by Deputy Attorney General Patricia Gibson.

The ALJ, after considering the evidence presented and taking official notice of the file in this matter issues the following Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

#### RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioner is a Registered Nurse ("R.N.") with license number 28131139A.
- Petitioner's mailing address on file with the Board is 3797 E Orad Spring Road,
   Deputy, IN 47230.
- 3. The Board is empowered to hold this administrative hearing pursuant to the authority of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-9 and Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3 et seq.
- On September 13, 2018, Petitioner's license was placed on indefinite probation
   after she signed a Proposed Settlement Agreement that was accepted by the Board. Petitioner



stipulated that she violated Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(4)(D), Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(3) and 848 IAC 7-1-7, and Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(3) and 848 IAC 2-2-3(1).

- On December 1, 2020, Petitioner submitted a written request to withdraw probation.
- 6. At the hearing, Petitioner testified that she complied with the terms of probation, including: for not less than three (3) years; full and continuous compliance with an ISNAP RMA for at least two (2) years; submitting signed Board Orders; submitting Quarterly Employer reports or self-reports if not employed; reporting requirements; complying with statutes and rules; completing twenty-four (24) units of continuing education units; payment of the \$5 health records fee; and keeping the Board apprised of her address and employment information.
- Petitioner's compliance with the terms of her probation constitutes evidence that the deficiency that required probation has been remedied.

#### RECOMMENDED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. "The board may withdraw or modify the probation . . . if it finds, after a hearing, that the deficiency that required disciplinary action has been remedied, or that changed circumstances warrant a modification of the order." Ind. Code § 25-1-9-9(b).
- Petitioner's compliance with her probation constitutes evidence that the deficiency that required probation has been remedied.

#### RECOMMENDED ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the ALJ recommended WITHDRAWING the PROBATION on Petitioner's license as a nurse.

SO ORDERED, this 28th day of December 2021.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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Jason King, D.N.P., R.N. Administrative Law Judge Indiana State Board of Nursing

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO OBJECT TO RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

Either party may object to the ALJ's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order: but any objection must be filed with the Indiana State Board of Nursing, identifying the basis of the objection with reasonable particularity, no later than eighteen days from the ISSUANCE of this order unless such date is a Saturday, a Sunday, a legal holiday under state statute or a day that the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency offices are closed during regular business hours in which case the deadline would be the first day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, a legal holiday under state statute or a day that the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency offices are closed during regular business hours. The ALJ's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order is not the final order of the Indiana State Board of Nursing in this proceeding. In the absence of any objection, the Indiana State Board of Nursing may affirm the ALJ's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order as its final order or will serve notice of its intention to review any issue related to the ALJ's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the "Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order" has been duly served upon:

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