

BEFORE THE INDIANA STATE
BOARD OF NURSING
CAUSE NUMBER: 2012 N

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Indiana Professional
Licensing Agency

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:)
SUZANNE ALEXIS PETERS, R.N.)
LICENSE NO: 28164128A)

**FINAL ORDER ACCEPTING PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF
LAW AND ORDER**

The State of Indiana ("Petitioner"), by the Office of the Attorney General, by Jason J. Gross, Deputy Attorney General, and Suzanne Alexis Peters, R.N., ("Respondent"), signed a Proposed Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") which purports to resolve all issues involved in the action by the Petitioner and the Indiana State Board of Nursing ("Board") regarding the Respondent's license, and which Agreement has been submitted to the Board for approval.

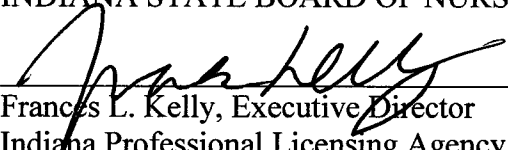
The Board after reviewing the Agreement at the September 20, 2012 meeting, held in the Auditorium of the Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, now finds it has been entered into fairly and without fraud, duress, or undue influence, and is fair and equitable between the parties. The Board hereby incorporates the Agreement, which is attached hereto, and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**, and approves and adopts in full the Agreement as a resolution of this matter. The Board approved this Agreement by a vote of 5-0-1. This Agreement incorporates the consensus of both parties to Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Order.

WHEREFORE, the Board hereby accepts and approves the Agreement, settling all matters in this case consistent with the terms of the Agreement between the parties, and Respondent is hereby ORDERED to abide by all the terms of the Agreement.

SO ORDERED, this 02 day of October, 2012.

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:



Frances L. Kelly, Executive Director
Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

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BEFORE THE INDIANA STATE
BOARD OF NURSING
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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF
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LICENSE NO: 28164128A (Active)

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PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The State of Indiana, by Jason J. Gross, Deputy Attorney General ("Petitioner") and Suzanne Alexis Peters, R.N., R.N. ("Respondent") held a settlement conference on June 21, 2012 to resolve the allegations set forth in the State's Complaint against Respondent. Linda Norwald, R.N., was also present as a designee from the Indiana State Board of Nursing ("Board"). The parties hereby execute this Agreement to a disposition of the Complaint filed in this cause. This Agreement is subject to the review and approval of the Board pursuant to Ind. Code ch. 25-1-9 and the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act, Ind. Code ch. 4-21.5-3.

STIPULATED FACTS

1. Respondent's address on file with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency is 11243 E. 300 North, Sheridan, Indiana 46069. Respondent is a Registered Nurse ("R.N.") in the State of Indiana holding license number 28164128A (Active). Respondent's nursing license was issued on June 15, 2005, and expires on October 31, 2013.

2. On or about June 20, 2005, Respondent was hired as a R.N. at Indiana University Health ("IU Health"), (also known as Clarian Health Hospital), in Indianapolis, Indiana.

3. On or about May 5, 2011, the pharmacy department at IU Health notified the emergency department of irregularities in Respondent's activity with hydromorphone.

4. In or around April through May of 2011, Respondent removed hydromorphone from the Pyxis machine for patients who did not have orders for hydromorphone. The hydromorphone syringes that Respondent took out of the Pyxis machine for these patients were not documented as given to patients, wasted, or returned to the pharmacy.

5. When confronted with the irregularities in the Pyxis information, Respondent admitted to diverting one hundred and fourteen (114) disposable syringes of hydromorphone over the months of April and May, 2011.

6. Respondent was referred by her employer to the IU Health Employee Assistance Program and completed treatment on June 30, 2011.

7. On or about May 20, 2011, Respondent began the intake process with the Indiana State Nurses Assistance Program ("ISNAP").

8. On or about June 14, 2011, Respondent was evaluated and diagnosed with opioid dependence. ISNAP recommended a three (3) year Recovery Monitoring Agreement ("RMA").

9. On or about June 28, 2011, Respondent signed a three (3) year RMA with ISNAP.

10. Respondent is currently working fulltime at IU Health.

11. Respondent is currently in compliance with her ISNAP RMA.

The parties further stipulate:

Respondent's conduct violated Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(8)(A)

Respondent's conduct violated Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(4)(D)

AGREED DISPOSITION

It is now therefore agreed by Respondent and the Petitioner as follows:

1. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter in this disciplinary action.
2. The parties execute this Agreement voluntarily.
3. Both parties voluntarily waive their rights to a public hearing on the Complaint.
4. Petitioner agrees that the terms of this Agreement will resolve any and all pending claims or allegations relating to disciplinary action against Respondent's Indiana nursing license.
5. Respondent shall meet the following terms:
 - A. Respondent's license shall be placed on Indefinite Probation with no right to petition for withdrawal until Respondent has completed her ISNAP RMA.
 - B. Respondent shall, pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-6-14-10 (b), pay a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund. This fee shall be paid by check or money order payable to the State of Indiana, and submitted to the following address:

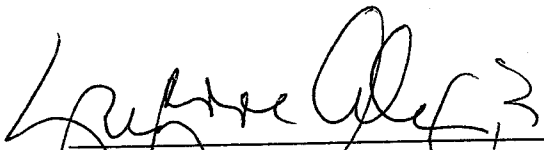
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C. Respondent shall abide by all the statutes and rules regulating the profession of nursing.

6. Respondent has carefully read and examined this agreement and fully understands its terms and that, subject to a final order issued by the Board, this Agreement is a final disposition of all matters and not subject to further review.

7. Respondent further understands that a violation of the Final Order, any non-compliance with the statutes or regulations regarding the practice of nursing, or any violation of the Settlement Agreement may result in the State requesting an emergency suspension of Respondent's license, an Order to Show Cause as may be issued by the Board, or a new cause of action pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4, any or all of which could lead to additional sanctions, up to and including a revocation of Respondent's license.

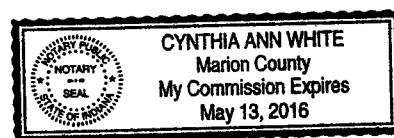
8. The parties agree to the continuing jurisdiction of the Board and that the discipline agreed to, terms of discipline, and licensure status will apply even if the Board renews Respondent's license at a later date.


Suzanne Alexis Peters,
Respondent


Jason J. Gross
Deputy Attorney General

8.10.12
Date

8/27/12
Date



Cynthia Ann White