

**BEFORE THE INDIANA STATE
BOARD OF NURSING
CAUSE NUMBER: 2014 NB 0228**

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:

MIRANDA PIPER, R.N.,

LICENSE NUMBER: 28218959A



FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

The Indiana State Board of Nursing ("Board") held an administrative hearing on November 19, 2015, in the Auditorium of the Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, concerning Miranda Piper's request to withdraw the probation from her license as a nurse.

Piper appeared in person and waived her right to counsel. Timothy Weber of the Attorney General's Office represented the State of Indiana.

The Board, after considering the evidence presented and taking official notice of the file in this matter votes 5 to 0 to issue the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Piper, whose mailing address is Rural Route 1, Box 132, Flat Rock, Illinois 62427, is a registered nurse with license number 28218959A.
2. Piper received timely and proper notice of the date, time and location of this hearing pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3-20.

3. The Board is empowered to hold this administrative hearing pursuant to the authority of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-9 and Ind. Code ch. 4-21.5-3.

4. The Board admitted Piper to licensure on probation in September 2014 for the following reasons. Along with her application, Piper revealed that she was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated in May 2014. At the time of her arrest her blood alcohol content was .14. She anticipated being placed on criminal probation. Piper maintained the arrest was an isolated incident and would never happen again.

5. In August 2015 Piper requested that the probation be withdrawn from her license.

6. At the hearing on withdrawal of probation, Piper presented evidence that she had complied with the terms of her probation which included successfully completing her criminal probation and successfully completing her one year recovery monitoring agreement with the Indiana State Nurses Assistance Program ("ISNAP"). She also did additional continuing education and submitted favorable employer reports.

7. The deficiency that led to the probation on Piper's license involved alcohol abuse. Piper's compliance with her probation constitutes evidence that the deficiency that required probation has been remedied.

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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).

2. Piper's compliance with her probation constitutes evidence that the deficiency that required probation has been remedied.

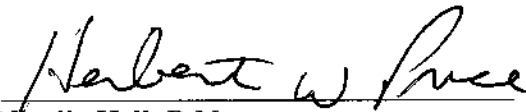
ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board **WITHDRAWS** the probation on Piper's license.

SO ORDERED, this 30th day of November, 2015.

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:



Natalie Hall, R.N.

Board President

Indiana State Board of Nursing

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

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