BEFORE THE INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
CAUSE NUMBER: 2014 NB 311

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE APPLICATION OF:)
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KRISTEN PLAHN)
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LICENSE NUMBER:)

FILED
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Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

DECISION ON APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

The Indiana State Board of Nursing ("Board") requested that Kristen Plahn ("Applicant") personally appear before the Board at its meeting on November 20, 2014, in the Auditorium of the Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana for the purpose of providing information and answering questions concerning her application for a license to practice as a registered nurse.

The Applicant appeared in person.

The Board, after conducting the personal appearance, considering the information presented by the Applicant and reviewing its file in this matter, votes 7 to 0 to issue the following decision.

FACTS

1. The Applicant, who resides at 5177 Epworth Road, Newburgh, Indiana 47630, submitted an application to the Board for a license as a registered nurse.

2. Along with her application, the Applicant revealed that she had been arrested for possession of marijuana. Plahn is adamant that the marijuana found in her car was not hers but entered into a prosecutorial deferral program as an expedient. She will be in that program until August 2015.

3. The Applicant graduated from nursing school to become a registered nurse in May 2014 but at the time of her appearance had not taken the qualifying exam.

4. Plahn needs to be evaluated by the Indiana State Nurses Assistance Program ("ISNAP").

5. The Applicant has demonstrated to the Board that she is able to practice competently and safely if she complies with the probationary terms set out below.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Based upon the foregoing, the Board will issue the license of the Applicant pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-9-16(a)(1) as follows:

1. The Applicant's license as a nurse will be issued on **INDEFINITE PROBATION** after she passes the qualifying exam. The Applicant may petition to have the probationary order withdrawn after the completion of her prosecutorial deferral program or after the completion of her recovery monitoring agreement with ISNAP if she is determined to be a candidate for monitoring. In either event the duration of probation on her nursing license will be the longer of one of those two periods of time (recovery monitoring agreement or prosecutorial deferral program).

2. The Applicant's practice as a nurse shall be governed by the following **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**:

a) The Applicant must keep the Board apprised of the following information in writing and update it as necessary:

1. The Applicant's current home address, mailing address, e-mail address and residential telephone number.

2. The Applicant's place of employment, employment telephone number, employment e-mail address and name of supervisor.

b) The Applicant shall provide a copy of all Board orders, including this one, imposing discipline or limiting practice to any nursing employer who shall sign and return a copy of such orders to the Board within ten (10) days of employment or receipt of the Order.

c) The Applicant shall cause her nursing employer to submit quarterly reports to the Board indicating her professional competence, sense of responsibility, work habits, mental attitude and ability to work with others. If the Applicant is unemployed as a nurse, she must submit quarterly reports to the Board on her personal circumstances.

d) The Applicant shall be evaluated by ISNAP and sign a recovery monitoring agreement if necessary. If she signs such an agreement, she must comply with its terms.

e) The Applicant shall comply with all statutes and rules regulating the practice of nursing.

f) The Applicant shall comply with the terms of her prosecutorial deferral program and report any future arrests to the Board.

g) The failure of the Applicant to comply with the terms of this decision may subject her to a show cause hearing and the imposition of further sanctions, including emergency suspension of her license.

SO ORDERED, this 12th day of December, 2014.

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: Herbert W Rhoad

for Nicholas W. Rhoad
Executive Director
Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REVIEW OF THIS DECISION

You may petition for review of this decision under Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3-7. The petition must be filed with the Indiana State Board of Nursing in writing, identifying the reasons for review and demonstrating that you have been aggrieved or adversely affected by the Board's decision. The petition for review must be filed no later than eighteen days from the issuance of this decision unless such date is a Saturday, a Sunday, a legal holiday under state statute or a day the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency's 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 the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency's offices are closed during regular business hours.

If your petition for review is timely filed and review granted, you will receive notification of an administrative hearing. You or your representative must be present at that hearing. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense. A deputy attorney general may be present to represent the state of Indiana. As petitioner, you will have the burden of proving that the Board's decision is incorrect.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the "Decision on Application for License" has been duly served upon:

Kristen Plahn
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Service by U.S. Mail

Dec. 12 2014
Date

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