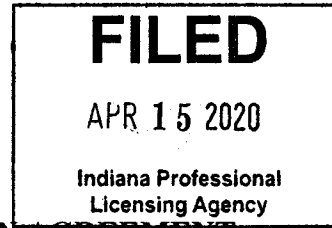


BEFORE THE INDIANA STATE
BOARD OF NURSING
CAUSE NUMBER: 2020 NB 0069

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:)
CAITLYN R. TRACEY, R.N.,)
LICENSE NO: 28197989A)



ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION AGREEMENT

The Office of the Attorney General, by Amanda Elizondo Cassidy, Deputy Attorney General and Caitlyn R. Tracey, R.N., (“Respondent”), by Counsel, Lorie A. Brown, signed and filed before the Board a proposed Voluntary Suspension Agreement (“Agreement”) which Agreement has been submitted to the Board for approval.

The Board, after reviewing the Agreement at the February 20, 2020 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 final resolution of this matter. The Board approved this Agreement by a vote of 5 - 0 - 0.

WHEREFORE, the Board hereby accepts and approves the Agreement, and Respondent is hereby **ORDERED** to abide by all the terms of the Agreement.

WHEREFORE, the parties agree that Respondent’s license is on **VOLUNTARY SUMMARY SUSPENSION** through the Board Meeting set for May 21, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall serve as notice to all parties that this matter is reset on **MAY 21, 2020**, for a hearing to occur at the Indiana Government Center South located at 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, at which the Board will

consider whether the summary suspension of Respondent's license should be extended for an additional ninety (90) days.

SO ORDERED, this 15th day of April, 2020.

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: *Maureen Bennett*
for Kim Cooper, R.N.
Board President
Indiana State Board of Nursing

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the "Order Accepting Proposed Settlement Agreement" has been duly served upon:

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Lisa Chapman

June 9, 2020
Date

Lisa Chapman, Litigation Coordinator

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Explanation of Service Methods

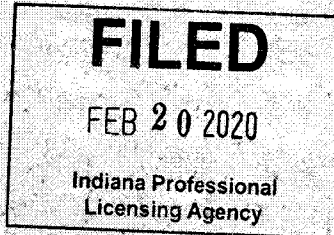
Personal Service: by delivering a true copy of the aforesaid document(s) personally.

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Service by Email: by sending a true copy of the aforesaid document(s) to the individual's electronic mail address.

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VOLUNTARY SUMMARY SUSPENSION EXTENSION AGREEMENT

The State of Indiana, by Deputy Attorney General Amanda Elizondo Cassidy and Caitlyn R. Tracey, R.N. ("Respondent"), by counsel, Lorie A. Brown, agree to the VOLUNTARY SUMMARY SUSPENSION of the Indiana nursing license held by Respondent for ninety (90) days. This AGREEMENT is based on the following:

1. Respondent is a Registered Nurse ("R.N.") in the State of Indiana, having been granted R.N. License Number 28197989A on June 29, 2011, by the Indiana State Board of Nursing ("Board").
2. Respondent's address on file with the Board is 9420 W 137th Avenue, Cedar Lake, Indiana 46303.
3. This Board has jurisdiction to suspend Respondent's license in accordance with Ind. Code 4-21.5-4 *et seq.* and Ind. Code 25-1-9-10.
4. In July 2019, Respondent was hired to be an Assistant Director of Nursing ("ADON") at Aperion Care ("Aperion"), a health care facility located in DeMotte, Indiana.
5. On or about January 6, 2020, Sherrie Lamore, H.F.A. ("HFA Lamore"), the director at Aperion, was informed by Brantley Bielec, Q.M.A., ("QMA Bielec") that Respondent had forged his signature on a controlled substance record. QMA Bielec told HFA Lamore that he had noticed that Respondent had placed his initials on a line on a controlled substance record to indicate that he had witnessed her wasting Norco on a shift in late December when he had not. He stated he noticed because he was accustomed to signing his whole name on medication records, and the initials "BB" had been placed next to Respondent's signature instead. QMA Bielec told HFA Lamore that when he asked Respondent about it, she admitted to putting his initials on the controlled substance record.
6. On or about January 6, 2020, HFA Lamore interviewed Kimberly Uzelac, L.P.N. ("LPN Uzelac"). LPN Uzelac stated that she had also noticed her initials placed on a few controlled substance records indicating that she had witnessed Respondent destroying waste, but did not believe that she had destroyed any medications with her. LPN Uzelac stated that when she tried to discuss it with Respondent, Respondent became tearful, and was evasive.
7. On or about January 6, 2020, Respondent provided a written statement. She admitted that she had wasted narcotics without a witness, but denied diverting the narcotics, or forging other staff members' signatures on the controlled substance record. HFA Lamore called the Newton County Sheriff and reported that she suspected Respondent of diversion. Officer Ryan Holloway responded to Aperion to conduct an investigation. Respondent provided a urine drug screen. It was positive for opiates.
8. On or about January 10, 2020, Aperion terminated Respondent's employment due to her positive drug screen. Respondent disputed the results of the drug screen, and again denied diverting medication from Aperion.
9. On or about February 7, 2020, Respondent was charged with Possession of a Narcotic Drug, as a level 6 felony, and Theft, a class A misdemeanor, under Cause No. 56D01-2002-F6-000182 in Newton Superior Court, located in Kentland, Indiana. The charges stem from

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