

BEFORE THE INDIANA STATE
BOARD OF NURSING
CAUSE NUMBER: 2021 NB 0200

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE
RENEWAL APPLICATION OF:

RICHETTIA ELAINE WALKER, R.N.,

LICENSE NUMBER: 28235216A

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FINAL ORDER

Kim Cooper, M.S.N., R.N., and Jason M. King, D.N.P., R.N., designated by the Indiana State Board of Nursing (“Board”) pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3-9 to act as an administrative law judge panel (“ALJ panel”), held a personal appearance on October 21, 2021, via Webex, concerning Richettia Elaine Walker’s (“Applicant”) application to renew her license as a nurse.

A copy of the ALJ panel’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 November 18, 2021, votes 5 to 0 to affirm said Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order and adopt it as a final order in this proceeding.

The Petitioner’s license is **RENEWED** on **PROBATION**.

ISSUED this 14th day of January 2022.

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: Alyssa Serwig for
Kim Cooper, M.S.N., R.N.
President
Indiana State Board of Nursing

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

Richettia Elaine Walker
9899 Warrick Trail Apt. 936
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Service by U.S. Mail

1.14.2022

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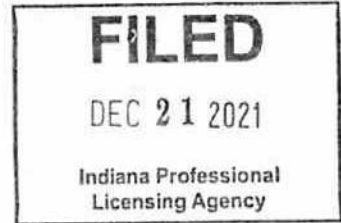
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RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

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The Applicant appeared in person and without counsel.

The ALJ panel, 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. The Applicant’s mailing address on file with IPLA is 9899 Warrick Trail, Apt. 936, Newburgh, IN 47630.
2. The Applicant submitted an application to renew her license as a nurse.
3. The Applicant, at her personal appearance before the ALJ panel, disclosed that she was disciplined in California for diverting medication, making false entries in patient

records, incompetence, and conviction of a felony. The Applicant's nursing license is currently on probation in California.

4. The Applicant has committed an act for which the applicant may be disciplined. The Applicant agreed to the terms of probation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. "The agency may delay issuing a license renewal for up to one hundred twenty (120) days after the renewal date for the purpose of permitting the board to investigate information received by the agency that the applicant for renewal may have committed an act for which the applicant may be disciplined... Upon agreement of the applicant and the board and following a personal appearance by the applicant before the board, renew the license and place the applicant on probation status under IC 25-1-9-9." Ind. Code § 25-1-5-4(g)(4).

2. The Applicant committed an act for which the applicant may be disciplined.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing and pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-5-4, the Board renews the license of the Applicant on indefinite probation. The following **TERMS AND CONDITIONS** govern the Applicant's practice while on probation:

1. The Applicant's license as a nurse is renewed on **INDEFINITE PROBATION** until she has completed three (3) years of active nursing practice.

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

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

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

3. 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.

4. The Applicant shall cause the person evaluating her nursing practice 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 Applicant is unemployed while on probation, she will submit a written personal report to the Board.

5. The Applicant shall comply with all statutes and rules regulating the practice of nursing and report any future arrests, instances of substance abuse, work discipline or terminations to the Board immediately in writing.

6. The Applicant shall comply with the terms of probation on her California license and submit proof of completion to the Board.

7. The Applicant shall complete thirty-six (36) hours of continuing education units in the following areas:

- a. Twelve (12) hours in Ethics and Professionalism;
- b. Twelve (12) hours in Documentation; and
- c. Twelve (12) hours in Medication Administration.

Proof of completion of the thirty-six (36) hours of continuing education shall be submitted to the Board.

8. 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 21st day of December 2021.

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: Alyssa Serwig for
Kim Cooper, R.N.
Board President
Indiana State Board of Nursing

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.

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