

**BEFORE THE OREGON
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

In the Matter of) **STIPULATED ORDER FOR**
Sara Kauffman, NP) **14 DAY SUSPENSION OF ANP**
) **and FNP CERTIFICATES**
License No. 082008253N3, 200150139NP) **Reference No. 16-00092**

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including Nurse Practitioners. Sara Kauffman (Licensee) was issued an Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) Certificate by the Board on January 18, 1996 and a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Certificate by the Board on October 24, 2001.

I

On or about July 8, 2015, Licensee was reported to the Board for allegedly intimidating and disrespecting a patient. The Board opened an investigation into the matter.

The patient, a 43 year old man, was receiving occupational health services after sustaining a "repetitive use" work related injury to his shoulders while employed as a chef in a busy restaurant. Licensee recommended the patient be placed on light-duty. The patient disagreed with Licensee's recommendation. When he expressed his disagreement, the patient perceived that Licensee became aggressive and impeded his exit from the examination room.

The Board alleges that the above conduct is in violation of ORS 678.111 (1) (f); OAR 851-045-0070 (1) (l).

II

Licensee was previously reported to the Board for similar behavior. During the course of investigating one of the prior cases, Licensee was asked to obtain a mental health and chemical dependence evaluation. The evaluator indicated that Licensee suffered from a personality disorder, which he described as "control avoidance." Based on this finding and the facts in this case, on January 14, 2015, Licensee entered into a Stipulated Order for Reprimand.

III

The Board alleges that the above conduct in is in violation of the following:

ORS 678.111 Causes for denial, revocation or suspension of license or probation, reprimand or censure of licensee. In the manner prescribed in ORS chapter 183 for a contested case:

(1) Issuance of the license to practice nursing, whether by examination or by endorsement, of

any person may be refused or the license may be revoked or suspended or the licensee may be placed on probation for a period of specified by the Oregon State Board of Nursing and subject to such conditions as the Board may impose or may be issued a limited license or may be reprimanded or censured by the Board, for any of the following causes:

(f) Conduct derogatory to the standards of nursing.

OAR 851-045-0070

Conduct Derogatory to the Standards of Nursing Defined

Nurses, regardless of role, whose behavior fails to conform to the legal standard and accepted standards of the nursing profession, or who may adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, may be found guilty of conduct derogatory to the standards of nursing. Such conduct shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Conduct related to the client's safety and integrity:

(1) Failing to respect the dignity and rights of clients, regardless of social or economic status, age, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, nature of health needs, or disability.

IV

Licensee wishes to cooperate with the Board in this matter. Therefore, the following will be proposed to the Oregon State Board of Nursing and is agreed to by Licensee:

That the Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate and Adult Nurse Practitioner Certificate of Sara Kauffman be SUSPENDED for 14 days, commencing five business days from the date this Order is signed by the Oregon State Board of Nursing. That Licensee shall complete Board approved education on the subject of anger management, boundaries and therapeutic communication.

Licensee understands that the conduct resulting in the violations of law described in this Order are considered by the Board to be of a grave nature and, if continued, constitutes a serious danger to public health and safety.

Licensee understands that in the event she engages in future conduct resulting in violations of law or the Nurse Practice Act, the Board may take further disciplinary action against her license, up to and including revocation of her license to practice as a Nurse Practitioner.

Licensee understands that this Order will be submitted to the Board of Nursing for its approval and is subject to the Board's confirmation.

Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulated Order, she waives the right to an administrative hearing under ORS 183.310 to 183.540, and to any judicial review or appeal thereof. Licensee acknowledges that no promises, representations, duress or coercion have been used to induce her to sign this Order.

Licensee understands that this Order is a document of public record.

Licensee has read this Stipulated Order, understands this Order completely, and freely signs this Stipulated Order for Suspension.

Sara Kauffman, NP

Date

ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED:

BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF OREGON

Bonnie Kostelecky, MS, MPA, RN
Board President

Date

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