

**BEFORE THE OREGON  
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

**In the Matter of** ) **STIPULATED ORDER FOR**  
**Kristen Wassom, CNA** ) **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**  
)  
**Certificate No. 200910900CNA** ) **Reference No. 13-00280**

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Kristen Wassom (CNA) was issued a Certified Nursing Assistant certificate by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) on April 10, 2009.

On or about August 1, 2012, the Board received information that CNA had taken three blank prescription slips from her workplace without authorization. CNA filled out the prescriptions, forged a provider's signature, and presented the prescriptions at pharmacies in an attempt to obtain oxycodone.

Upon being informed of the Board's investigation, CNA immediately agreed not to work as a nursing assistant or caregiver until further Order of the Board.

CNA admitted forging the prescriptions. CNA said she had become addicted to pain medications.

CNA entered a chemical dependency treatment program, and continues to participate in treatment.

By the above actions, CNA is subject to discipline pursuant to ORS 678.442(2)(f), OAR 851-063-0080(6), OAR 851-063-0090(2)(h) & (i) and OAR 851-063-0090(7)(a), which provide as follows:

**ORS 678.442 Certification of nursing assistants; rules.**

(2) In the manner prescribed in ORS chapter 183, the board may revoke or suspend a certificate issued under this section or may reprimand a nursing assistant for the following reasons:

(f) Conduct unbecoming a nursing assistant in the performance of duties.

**OAR 851-063-0080 Causes for Denial, Reprimand, Suspension, Probation or Revocation of CNA Certificate**

Under the contested case procedure in ORS 183.310 to 183.550 the Board may deny, reprimand, suspend, place on probation or revoke the certificate to perform duties as a CNA for the following causes:

(6) Conduct unbecoming a nursing assistant in the performance of duties.

**OAR 851-063-0090 Conduct Unbecoming a Nursing Assistant**

A CNA, regardless of job location, responsibilities, or use of the title "CNA," who, in the performance of nursing related duties, may adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of the public, may be found guilty of conduct unbecoming a nursing assistant. Conduct unbecoming a nursing assistant includes but is not limited to

(2) Conduct related to other federal or state statutes/rule violations:

(h) Possessing, obtaining, attempting to obtain, furnishing or administering prescription or controlled drugs to any person, including self, except as directed by a person authorized by law to prescribe drugs;

(i) Removing or attempting to remove drugs, supplies, property or money from the

workplace without authorization.

(7) Conduct related to impaired function:

- (a) Use of drugs, alcohol or mind-altering substances to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to the nursing assistant or others or to an extent that such use impairs the ability to conduct safely the duties of a nursing assistant.

CNA wishes to cooperate with the Board in this matter and voluntarily surrender her Certified Nursing Assistant certificate.

Therefore, the following will be proposed to the Oregon State Board of Nursing and is agreed to by CNA:

**That the voluntary surrender of the Certified Nursing Assistant certificate of Kristen Wassom be accepted. If, after a minimum of three years, Ms. Wassom wishes to reinstate her Certified Nursing Assistant certificate, she may submit an application to the Board to request reinstatement.**

CNA agrees that she will not practice as a Certified Nursing Assistant from the date she signs this Order.

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

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

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

CNA has read this Stipulated Order, understands this Order completely, and freely signs this Stipulated Order for Voluntary Surrender.

IT IS SO AGREED:

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Kristen Wassom

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Date

**ORDER**

IT IS SO ORDERED:

**BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF OREGON**

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Kay Carnegie, RN, MS  
Board President

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Date