

**BEFORE THE OREGON  
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

**In the Matter of** ) **STIPULATED ORDER FOR**  
**Kimberly Hanson, NP** ) **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**  
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**License No. 200440723RN, 200450044NP** ) **Reference No. 13-02165**

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Kimberly Hanson (Licensee) was issued a Nurse Practitioner license by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) on June 08, 2004.

On or about June 3, 2013, the Board received information that Licensee was terminated from the clinic where she was employed for allegedly writing methadone prescriptions for her spouse, using the clinic's prescription pads, without establishing her spouse as a patient at the clinic.

An Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Report showed that Licensee prescribed methadone for her spouse from June 3, 2011 through May 17, 2013, ordering 150, ten milligram tablets, about every one to two weeks and these were obtained from eleven different pharmacies. The prescriptions were written using a prescription pad from her place of employment. The employer confirmed that Licensee's spouse was not an established patient at the clinic. During the months of July, 2012 and August, 2012, Licensee ordered a total of 1170 methadone tablets for her spouse.

On July 10, 2013, Licensee met with Board staff and acknowledged writing prescriptions for her spouse without establishing him as a patient at the clinic. Licensee stated that she no longer wanted to continue in nursing and wishes to surrender her nursing license and nurse practitioner certificate at this time.

By the above actions, Licensee is subject to discipline pursuant to ORS 678.111 (1) (f); and OAR 851-045-0070 (1) (a) and (n); (2) (o); (4) (b); and OAR 851-056-0016 (1); (2) (c) and (f) which read as follows:

**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 indorsement, 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 specified by the Oregon State Board of Nursing and subject to such condition 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:

(a) Developing, modifying, or implementing standards of nursing practice/care which jeopardize patient safety.

(n) Failing to maintain professional boundaries with a client.

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

(o) Failing to dispense or administer medications, including Methadone, in a manner consistent with state and federal law.

(4) Conduct related to achieving and maintaining clinical competency:

(b) Failing to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing nursing practice. Actual injury need not be established.

**OAR 851-056-0016 Conduct Derogatory to the Standards for Prescriptive or Dispensing Authority**

(1) The Board may deny, suspend or revoke the authority to write prescriptions and/or dispense drugs for the causes identified in ORS 678.111(1) or with proof that the authority has been abused.

(2) The abuse of the prescriptive or dispensing authority constitutes conduct derogatory to nursing standards and is defined as:

(c) Prescribing, dispensing, or distributing drugs to an individual who is not the clinical nurse specialist's or nurse practitioner's client unless written under Expedited Partner Therapy guidelines from the Department of Human Services or is not within the scope of practice or type of client population served;

(f) Prescribing, dispensing, administering, or distributing drugs in an unsafe or unlawful manner or without adequate instructions to the client according to acceptable and prevailing standards or practice;

Licensee wishes to cooperate with the Board in this matter and voluntarily surrender her Nurse Practitioner license.

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

**That the voluntary surrender of the Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nurse license of Kimberly Hanson be accepted. If, after a minimum of three years, Ms. Hanson wishes to reinstate her Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nurse license, she may submit an application to the Board to request reinstatement. Ms. Hanson understands that reinstatement may require re-entry and additional course work.**

Licensee agrees that she will not practice as a Nurse Practitioner from the date she signs this Order.

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. 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 Voluntary Surrender.

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Kimberly Hanson, NP

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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