

**BEFORE THE OREGON
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

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| In the Matter of |) | |
| Kristina Schaefer, NP - PP |) | FINAL ORDER |
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| License No. 200950166NP |) | Reference No. 11-00146 |
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The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners, in the State of Oregon. Kristina Schaefer (Licensee) is a Registered Nurse and a Family Nurse Practitioner in the State of Oregon.

This Matter was considered by the Board on April 20, 2011. The Licensee did not appear personally. The issue for the Board was whether to approve the Stipulation for Reprimand signed by the Licensee on February 15, 2011 and so dispense with this Matter pursuant to ORS 183.417(3).

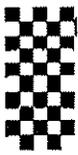
Upon review of the Stipulation for Reprimand and the agency file in this Matter, the Board finds that reasonable factual and legal grounds exist to support approval of the Stipulation. It is hereby

ORDERED that the Stipulation signed by the Licensee on February 15, 2011 be approved and by this reference incorporated herein, and it is further

ORDERED that the Board adopt the Stipulation and that the Nurse Practitioner certificate of Kristina Schaefer be reprimanded as set forth in the Stipulation.

DATED this _____ day of April, 2011.

Patricia Markesino, RN
Board President



BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING OF THE STATE OF OREGON

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| In the Matter of: |) | STIPULATION FOR REPRIMAND |
| |) | OF NURSE PRACTITIONER (NP-PP) |
| Kristina A. Schaefer, RN, NP |) | CERTIFICATE |
| License No. 200140328RN |) | |
| 200950166NP |) | |
| |) | Case No. 11-146 |

Ms. Schaefer is a registered Nurse (RN) who graduated in 1994 with an associate's degree in nursing, from De Anza College in California. Ms. Schaefer was issued her RN License by endorsement in the State of Oregon on March 20, 2001. Subsequently, in 2009, Ms. Schaefer obtained her Masters in Nursing from Washington State University and was certified as a FNP-PP in the State of Oregon on November 18, 2009.

On October 1, 2010 the Board opened an investigation regarding concerns that Licensee allegedly had failed to chart in a timely manner, had incomplete documentation and significant documentation errors.

Ms. Schaefer worked at Encompass Urgent Care in Happy Valley from March 2010 to September 2010. She worked with one other full-time nurse practitioner and one per diem physician who was present infrequently. During a personal interview with the board staff on December 8, 2010 Ms. Schaefer said she was instrumental in opening a new urgent care clinic. Ms. Schaefer said subsequent to the opening of the clinic the workload multiplied. She said the owner manager of the clinic promised her additional help and equipment to augment her practice, but none was forthcoming. She said she was left with "an impossible schedule and too many patients to see." Ms. Schaefer provided a notice of resignation due to her concerns of practices within the clinic in September 2010. She provided several months' notice and her resignation was supposed to be effective in November. However, following submission of that intent to resign, she began to fall behind in charting due to the limitations placed on her access to the EMR by the clinic. During those last four days Ms. Schaefer admitted she was unable to chart in a timely manner due to limitations on access to the EMR and personal illness. As a result she would chart at home after her original assessment. She told OSB and staff that there were computer terminals in the patient rooms and she would get the charting started while she was in the patient's room. However, due to time constraints she was not able to complete the electronic charting and she charted subsequently at home because of issues with her workload and EMR access. For example, chart notes for patient DC, who came in with complaints of frontal headaches, show no neurological exam performed on the patient. Ms. Schaefer believes that such an exam was conducted but admits that that exam was not reflected in the chart.

The above conduct is a violation of the provisions of ORS 678.111 (1) (f) (g) and 851-045-0070 (3) (a), (b), (g) and (4) (b).

ORS 678.111

(1) Issuance of a 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 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.

(g) Violation of any provision of ORS 678.010 to 678.445 or rules adopted thereunder.

OAR 851-045-0070

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:

(3) Conduct related to communication:

(b) Incomplete recordkeeping regarding client care; including but not limited to, failure to document care given or other information important to the client's care or documentation which is inconsistent with the care given.

Ms. Schaefer wishes to cooperate with the Board in resolving the present disciplinary problems. Therefore, the following will be proposed to the Board and is agreed to by Licensee:

That the Family Nurse Practitioner certificate of Ms. Schaefer be reprimanded and subject to the following:

Ms. Schaefer shall complete one formal course of study on documentation and assessment. The course may be either a continuing education class of at least 5 CMEs or an academic course at least 4 hours in length. The course must be approved in advance by the Board and completed by June 1, 2011. Licensee shall write a paper on her documentation and assessment class at least 1 page in length presenting the information she has learned which can make a difference in her practice as a Registered Nurse and a Family Nurse Practitioner. Additionally, she shall provide an outline of the course. Licensee shall provide proof of successful completion of the documentation and assessment course (report, certificate of completion, transcripts, etc.). Licensee is responsible for paying all costs and expenses required for Licensee to comply with these conditions.

Ms. Schaefer understands that the conduct resulting in the violations of law described in this Stipulation are considered by the Board to be serious in nature.

Ms. Schaefer 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 as a Registered Nurse.

Ms. Schaefer understands this Stipulation will be submitted to the Board of Nursing at their next scheduled meeting for approval and is subject to the Board's adoption and confirmation. Licensee understands that if approved, the Board will issue a Final Order adopting this Stipulation.

Ms. Schaefer understands that, by entering into this stipulation, she waives any and all rights to notice and an administrative hearing under ORS 183.310 to 183.550, and to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation or the Final Order adopting it.

Ms. Schaefer understands that this Stipulation will become a public record at such time as the Board issues an order adopting it.

Ms. Schaefer states no promises, representations, duress or coercion have been used to induce her to sign this Stipulation.

Ms. Schaefer has fully read this Stipulation and understands it completely.

Ms. Schaefer understands that by entering into this Stipulated Agreement, she waives the right to an administrative hearing.

Ms. Schaefer has read this Stipulation and understands it completely.

DATED: this 15th day of February, 2011.