

**BEFORE THE OREGON
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

In the Matter of) **STIPULATED ORDER FOR**
Rebecca Smith, CNA) **PROBATION**
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Certificate No. 201011778CNA) **Reference No. 12-01334**

Rebecca Smith (referred to as Certificate Holder) was certified as a nursing assistant (CNA) on July 29, 2010. On or about December 15, 2011, it was reported that Certificate Holder had used heroin and methamphetamine outside of work. She submitted to a drug screen which was positive for methamphetamine and opioids. Certificate Holder admitted to a history of substance abuse.

Certificate Holder signed an Interim Order by Consent on January 10, 2012, removing herself from CNA duties, and entered a drug treatment program through Kaiser Permanente. She has successfully completed intensive outpatient treatment and is active in counseling and an ongoing recovery support program. She reports no use of opiates since January 31, 2012 and no use of amphetamines since March 27, 2012. Her drug screening tests have been negative for all drugs and alcohol since April 3, 2012. She is diagnosed with Amphetamine and Opiate Dependence in early full remission.

By the above actions, Certificate Holder is subject to discipline pursuant to violations of ORS 678.442(2)(c) and OAR 851-063-0080(3).

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:
- (c) Impairment as defined in ORS 676.303.

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:

- (3) Use of any controlled substance or intoxicating liquor to an extent or in a manner injurious to the certificate holder or others or to an extent that such use impairs the ability to conduct safely the duties of a nursing assistant; ORS 678.442(2)(c).

Certificate Holder admits that the above allegations occurred and constitute violations of the Nurse Practice Act. She wishes to cooperate with the Board in resolving the present disciplinary matter. The following will be proposed to the Oregon State Board of Nursing and is agreed to by Certificate Holder:

That the Certified Nursing Assistant certificate of 201011778CNA be placed on Probation. The Certificate Holder's compliance with this agreement will be monitored by the Oregon State Board of Nursing from date of signature on the Final Order. Certificate Holder must complete a twenty-four (24) month period of probation to begin upon her return to performing the duties at the level of a Certified Nursing Assistant. Certificate Holder must work a minimum of sixteen (16) hours per week and no more than one (1.0) FTE in a setting where she is able to exercise the full extent of scope of duties in order to demonstrate whether or not she is competent. Limited overtime may be approved on occasion. Any period in which Certificate Holder does not work in the State of Oregon will not count toward the probationary period.

Certificate Holder must comply with the following terms and conditions of probation:

- 1) Certificate Holder shall not violate the Nurse Practice Act (ORS 678) or the rules adopted thereunder.
- 2) Certificate Holder shall have thirty-six (36) months from Board acceptance of this Stipulation to complete twenty-four (24) months of monitored practice.
- 3) Certificate Holder shall notify the Board, in writing, prior to any change of address or employment setting, during the probation period.
- 4) Certificate Holder shall maintain an active certificate.
- 5) Certificate Holder shall inform the Board in advance of any absences from Oregon and/or move from Oregon to another licensing jurisdiction. If Certificate Holder leaves the State and is unable to work in the State of Oregon, her probationary status will be re-evaluated.
- 6) Certificate Holder shall present herself, in person or by phone, to designated Board staff for interviews on a monthly basis during the probationary period. Frequency of contact may be reviewed and revised periodically at the discretion of Board staff.
- 7) Certificate Holder shall notify the Board of any citations, arrests, or convictions for any offense, whether a felony, misdemeanor, violation, or citation within seven (7) days of the occurrence.
- 8) Certificate Holder will not look for, accept, or begin a new nursing assistant position without the approval of the Board. This includes changes of the employer itself or changes within the facility or institution.
- 9) Certificate Holder shall inform current and prospective employers of the probationary status of her certificate, the reasons for her probation, and terms and

conditions of probation. If there is a Nurse Executive, that person is to be informed of Certificate Holder's probationary status. The Nurse Executive will receive copies of the Stipulation for Probation and Board Order when Applicant is employed.

- 10) Certificate Holder shall work under the direct supervision of another licensed healthcare professional, functioning at a higher level of licensure, who is working in the same physical location and readily available to observe practice and provide assistance. Certificate Holder shall be employed in a setting where her nursing supervisor agrees to submit written evaluations of work performance (on forms provided by the Board) every three (3) months during the probationary period. The nursing supervisor must submit the quarterly evaluation within 10 days of the due date. If the evaluation is not received at such time, Board staff will contact the employer to remind them. If the Board does not receive the report within 5 business days from the time the employer is contacted, the probationer will be restricted from performing the duties of a nursing assistant.
- 11) Between regular reporting periods, the Nurse Executive or comparable person, shall inform the Board of any instance of the probationer's non-compliance with the terms and conditions of this Stipulation for Probation, or of any other concern there may be regarding her work-related conduct or personal behavior that may affect her ability to perform the duties of a nursing assistant.
- 12) Certificate Holder shall notify the Board when there is a change in status of employment including resignations or terminations.
- 13) Certificate Holder shall not work in any work setting in which on-site supervision is not available. This generally includes home health agencies, traveling agencies, float pools, temporary agencies, assisted living facilities, adult foster care, independent consulting contracts, home hospice, and night shifts outside of acute care settings.
- 14) Certificate Holder shall not be allowed to participate in the CNA2 training per Division 62.
- 15) Certificate Holder shall participate and comply with any treatment recommendations as set forth by a third party evaluator. Within fourteen (14) days of treatment completion, Certificate Holder shall submit to the Board a copy of her completion certificate or discharge summary. Certificate Holder shall attend NA, AA (or a similar 12-step program) on a weekly basis and provide proof of attendance to Board staff.
- 16) Certificate Holder shall participate in the Board's random urine program. Failure to comply with the random urine program will result in an immediate removal from the performance of nursing assistant duties. Certificate Holder shall submit to tests to determine the presence of unauthorized substances immediately upon

request by Board staff or the employer. Certificate Holder shall sign any release of information necessary to ensure the Board will receive the results of such testing. The presence of unauthorized substances may be considered a violation of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation. Certificate Holder will obtain an evaluation by a Board approved chemical dependence evaluator upon request of the probation coordinator. Certificate Holder understands that she will be financially responsible for any costs related to testing and evaluation. Failure to keep the account with the Board's lab vendor in good standing will be considered a violation of this agreement.

- 17) Certificate Holder shall abstain from the use of intoxicating, mind altering, or potentially addictive drugs, both over-the-counter and prescription drugs, and alcohol during the period of probation. Certificate Holder shall avoid any over the counter products and food items containing alcohol and poppy seeds.
- 18) Certificate Holder may take medication for a documented medical condition, provided that she obtains such medication only by a legal prescription written by a person authorized by law to write such a prescription. Certificate Holder will notify the Board within 72 hours in the event she/he is prescribed such medication, and shall authorize the prescribing person to communicate with the Board about her medical condition. Certificate Holder shall produce the medical records pertaining to the medical condition and medication use. Certificate Holder will discard any unused prescription medications when it is no longer needed or expired.
- 19) Certificate Holder shall cease the performance of duties as a nursing assistant upon the occurrence of a relapse or at the request of the probation coordinator because of relapse or relapse behavior. Performance of duties may resume when approved by Board staff, in consultation with the employer.
- 20) Certificate Holder will notify any health care providers of the nature of her chemical dependence diagnosis to ensure that her health history is complete before receiving any treatment, including medical and dental treatment. Certificate Holder will provide a copy of this Stipulation to the provider. Certificate Holder further agrees to provide the Board with the names of any health care providers, sign releases of information with the providers, and provide the Board with documentation of the health care provided (medical records). Certificate Holder is financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of compliance with the terms and conditions of this stipulation.
- 21) Certificate Holder shall notify the Board at least three (3) business days prior to leaving town or going on vacation with the exception of a family emergency.
- 22) Certificate Holder shall cooperate fully with the Board in the supervision and investigation of her compliance with the terms and conditions of this Stipulation.

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

Certificate Holder also understands that in the event she engages in future conduct resulting in violations of the law or terms of probation the Board may take further disciplinary action against her certificate, up to and including revocation of her certificate to perform duties as a certified nursing assistant.

Certificate Holder understands that this Stipulation will be submitted to the Board of Nursing for approval and is subject to the Board's confirmation.

Certificate Holder understands that by entering into this stipulated agreement, she waives the right to an administrative hearing.

Certificate Holder states no promises, representation, duress, or coercion has been used to induce her to sign this Stipulation.

Certificate Holder understands that this Stipulation is a public record.

Certificate Holder has read this Stipulation, understands the Stipulation completely, and freely signs the Stipulation.

IT IS SO AGREED:

Rebecca Smith, CNA

Date

ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED:

BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF OREGON

Kay Carnegie, RN, MS
Board President

Date