

**BEFORE THE OREGON
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

In the Matter of

Karrissa Plaza, CNA

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) **FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION**

) **BY DEFAULT**

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Certificate No. 200910757CNA

) **Reference No. 13-01666**

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including Certified Nursing Assistants. Karrissa Plaza (Certificate Holder) was issued a nursing assistant certificate by the Board on March 26, 2009. This matter was considered by the Board at its meeting on January 15, 2014.

On December 9, 2013, a Notice stating that the Board intended to revoke the Nursing Assistant Certificate of Karrissa Plaza was sent to her via certified and first-class mail to her address of record. The Notice alleged that Certificate Holder was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and was diagnosed with substance dependence disorders and underwent treatment. Certificate Holder had agreed to sign a Stipulation for Probation of her CNA certificate but failed to do so within the time allowed.

The Notice granted Certificate Holder an opportunity for hearing if requested within twenty (20) days of the mailing of the Notice. No such request for hearing has been received by the Board. The Notice designated the Board's file on this matter as the record for purposes of default.

NOW THEREFORE, after consideration of its records and files related to this matter, the Board enters the following Order:

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FINDINGS OF FACT**

Based on the evidence submitted through the Notice and the agency file in this case, the Board finds the following:

1. Certificate Holder was issued a Nursing Assistant Certificate in the state of Oregon on March 26, 2009.
2. On or about March 16, 2013, Certificate Holder informed the Board that she was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII) in December 2010 and pleaded guilty to the charge in November 2011.

3. On or about May 22, 2013, Certificate Holder failed to appear for her telephone interview with a Board investigator. On June 21, 2013, Certificate Holder was suspended for failure to cooperate with a Board investigation.
4. The Board alleges that Certificate Holder was referred for assessment for DUII and depression. She was referred into an intensive outpatient treatment program but discontinued treatment after one session. Certificate Holder resumed treatment in June 2013 for major depressive disorder and opioid and alcohol dependence. The Board obtained proof of successful completion of intensive outpatient treatment.
5. Certificate Holder agreed to sign a stipulation for 24 months of probation of her CNA certificate, however she failed to complete the process.
6. On December 9, 2013, Board staff mailed a Notice of Proposed Revocation to Certificate Holder via first-class and certified mail. The Notice granted Certificate Holder twenty (20) days from the date of the mailing of the Notice to request a hearing. The Notice also designated that the agency file would be the record for purposes of default.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the Certificate Holder, Karrissa Plaza, and over the subject matter of this proceeding.
2. That Certificate Holder's conduct is in violation of ORS 678.442(2)(a)(c) and OAR 851-063-0080 (6) and OAR 851-063-0090(7)(a).
3. That Certificate Holder defaulted on the Notice by not requesting a hearing within the allotted twenty (20) days and, as a result, pursuant to ORS 183.417(3), the Board may enter a Final Order by Default.

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ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and the Board being fully advised in the premises, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Nursing Assistant Certificate of Karrissa Plaza is REVOKED.

DATED this ____ day of January, 2014

FOR THE BOARD OF NURSING OF THE STATE OF OREGON

Kay Carnegie, RN, MS
Board President

TO: KARRISSA PLAZA:

You may file a petition for reconsideration or rehearing of this Order. Reconsideration or rehearing may be obtained by filing a petition with the Board of Nursing within (sixty) 60 days from the service of this Order. Your petition shall set forth the specific grounds for reconsideration. Reconsideration or rehearing is pursuant to the provisions in ORS 183.482.

As an alternative to filing a Petition for Reconsideration of this Order, you are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition with the Oregon Court of Appeals for review within sixty (60) days from the date of service of this Order. Judicial review is pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.482.

INCLUDE ONLY IF FOR REVOCATION: If, after a minimum of three (3) years, you wish to reinstate your Nursing Assistant Certificate, you may submit an application to the Board to request reinstatement.

SIGNATURES & DATED COPY ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE