

**BEFORE THE OREGON  
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

**In the Matter of**

**Karrissa Plaza, CNA**

**Certificate No. 200910757CNA**

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) **FINAL ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

) **BY DEFAULT**

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) **Reference No. 13-01666**

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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 Certified Nursing Assistants. Karrissa Plaza (Certificate Holder) is a Certified Nursing Assistant in the state of Oregon.

This matter was considered by the Board at its meeting on June 19, 2013.

On or about May 22, 2013, a Notice stating that the Board intended to SUSPEND 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 failed to cooperate with a Board during the course of an investigation.

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 submitted an application for renewal of her CNA certificate to the Board. On her application, Certificate Holder disclosed a conviction for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants in May 2011 which she had previously failed to disclose.

3. On April 11, 2013, Board staff mailed a letter to Certificate Holder's address of record requesting that Certificate Holder schedule an interview to discuss the allegations. Certificate Holder was further instructed to send a written statement regarding the allegations and a current work history, to provide information about her treatment providers, and to sign a release of information with those providers. Certificate Holder failed to schedule an interview and did not provide any documents to the Board.
4. On May 10, 2013, a second letter was sent to Certificate Holder's address of record requesting that Certificate Holder contact the Board within five (5) business days to schedule an interview to discuss the allegations. Certificate Holder was also asked to send a written statement regarding the allegations and provide a current work history. Certificate Holder scheduled an appointment for May 22, 2013, but failed to appear for her appointment. She did not call to cancel or reschedule the interview, and did not provide any documents to the Board as requested.
5. On May 22, 2013, Board staff mailed a Notice of Proposed Suspension 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)(f), OAR 851-063-0080(6) and OAR 851-063-0090(9)(a) and (c).
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 Suspended for a minimum of two (2) weeks, and until she cooperates with the Board investigation.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2013

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

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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.