



Arkansas Department of Health

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TIME AND PLACE: February 15, 2024
Board Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allie Barker, MSN, RN; Tabitha Lancaster, RN; Jamie Sims; Phillip Petty, RN; Cassie Gonzales, MNSc, APRN, FNP-BC; Veronica Harmon, RN; Barbara Hillman, BSN, RN; Robin Lambert, LNHA, LPN; Lakisha Young, LPN.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF ATTENDING AT VARIOUS TIMES: Sue A. Tedford, Director, MNSc, APRN
David Dawson, JD, General Counsel
Jennifer Ivory, JD, Attorney Specialist
Lisa Wooten, Assistant Director, MPH, BSN, RN
Karen McCumpsey, Assistant Director, MNSc, RN, CNE
Shannon McKinney, Assistant Director, DNP, APRN, WHNP-BC
Janet Simpson, ASBN Program Coordinator, MSN, RNP, RNC-MNN
Kim Hooks, ASBN Assistant Director- ArNAP, MPH, BSN, RN,
Tammy Vaughn, Program Coordinator, MSN, RN, CNE
Leslie Suggs, Executive Assistant to the Director
Albert Williams, Information Systems Coordinator
Susan Moore, Computer Operator
Mindy Darner, Legal Support Specialist
Corrie Edge, Administrative Analyst
Lisa Mendenhall, Legal Support Specialist
Kelly Doppelhammer, Legal Support Specialist
LouAnn Walker, Public Information Coordinator
Christine Lewis, Legal Support Specialist

Guests: None

President Allie Barker called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Guests were welcomed and a flexible agenda was approved.

DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

General Counsel, David Dawson, represented the Board. Motions reflect the decisions of the Board reached in deliberation following the hearing of each case.

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BONNIE SUE HOWE SEISER, LICENSE NO. R050751

Respondent was present for the proceedings before the Board and was represented by counsel, Stewart Whaley. Lisa Wooten, MPH, BSN, RN, and Terry Kuykendall, Investigator, provided testimony on behalf of the Board. Wade Seiser provided testimony on behalf of the Respondent. Respondent has been charged with Ark. Code Ann. § 17-87-309(a)(6) and pleads not guilty to the charges. While employed at Physicians' Specialty Hospital, Respondent submitted a random drug screen on August 9, 2021, and tested positive for benzodiazepines at 242 ng/ml, for which she had no valid prescription. Respondent was terminated from employment. Respondent provided a written statement to the investigator wherein she admits the allegations of the positive drug screen. Respondent explained that she was sick with Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and asked her husband to bring her an alprazolam, which she has a prescription for. The Respondent stated her husband thinks he brought her the wrong tablet. Respondent provided a copy of a pharmacy prescription profile for her husband, Wade Seiser. A prescription for 30 mg. capsules of temazepam was filled for Mr. Seiser on July 12, 2021. Board staff offered Respondent a consent agreement for one (1) year of probation with monitoring, for violation of A.C.A. §17-87-309 (a)(6), and the Arkansas State Board of Nursing *Rules*, Chapter Seven., Section IV (A)(6)(p). Respondent declined the offered consent agreement. Respondent's legal counsel requested a hearing before the Board.

MOTION: I MOVE that based on the evidence presented and the allegations contained in the Order and Notice of Hearing, the Arkansas State Board of Nursing finds that **BONNIE SUE HOWE SEISER, LICENSE NO. R050751**, has been charged with a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 17-87-309(a)(6) and the Arkansas State Board of Nursing *Rules*, Chapter Seven, Section IV (A)(6)(p), and that a Letter of Reprimand be issued.

Brought by Jamie Sims and seconded by Phillip Petty.

PASSED

The following items were discussed:

- Tabitha Lancaster, Vice President, and Sue Tedford attended Nursing Apprenticeship Exploration and Design meeting on February 7, 2024, and updated the Board.
- Reminder that Nurses Day at the Capitol is scheduled on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at the State Capitol.

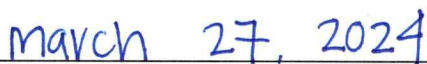
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.



Allie Barker, President



Mindy Darner, Recording Secretary



Date Approved