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CANDI CHRISTENSEN
PN-12460

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING
STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of the License of:  
CANDI MARIE CHRISTENSEN,
License No. PN-12460,
Respondent.  

Case No. BON 06-028  
BON 06-035

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS
OF LAW, AND FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to her request for a hearing before the Idaho State Board of Nursing (hereinafter “Board”), Respondent Candi Marie Christensen (hereinafter “Respondent”) appeared before the Board during its regularly scheduled meeting at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, November 2, 2006. Respondent appeared without benefit of counsel. Karl T. Klein, Deputy Attorney General, represented the State of Idaho.

Roger L. Gabel, Deputy Attorney General, acted as Hearing Officer during the proceedings. Testifying before the Board were Respondent and Chanel Johnson, Board Investigator.

The Board, having reviewed the documents and correspondence contained in the administrative file in this matter, and having heard the testimony presented at the hearing, and good cause appearing therefore, hereby enters the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent was employed at West Valley Medical Center (hereinafter “WVMC”) in Caldwell, Idaho and at Walter Knox Memorial Hospital (hereinafter “WKMH”) in Emmett, Idaho.
2. Respondent's employment with WVMC was terminated on or about April 11, 2006 and Respondent's employment with WKMH was terminated on or about May 19, 2006.

3. On June 13, 2006, Respondent admitted to the Board's investigator that she diverted and used Demerol and morphine while working at WVMC and WKMH. Respondent further admitted that she sometimes gave half of the narcotic medication to the patient and kept half for herself, and sometimes she took narcotics out for a patient and kept them, not giving anything to the patient. Respondent also admitted that she opened Demerol vials at WKMH and re-filled them with saline.

4. In her written response to the Complaint filed in this matter, Respondent stated she did not agree with all of the allegations made against her in the Complaint but that most were true. Respondent further stated she has been charged by Gem County with "Unlawful Distribution of Prescription Drugs," a felony in the State of Idaho, and that she has started rehab treatment with Safe Haven in Ontario, Oregon and has been accepted into the Quad County Drug Court.

5. At the hearing, Respondent acknowledged responsibility for her actions but asked for leniency by the Board.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The facts, as stated above and as set forth in the Board's Complaint dated August 15, 2006, fall within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Board as set forth in title 54, chapter 14, Idaho Code.

2. Respondent's conduct constitutes violations of the laws governing the practice of nursing, specifically Idaho Code § 54-1413(1)(d), (e), (g), and (h) and Board...
Rules (IDAPA 23.01.01.100.05, 100.06, 100.08, 100.09, 101.03.e, 101.04.d, 101.04.e, 101.05.c, 101.05.e, and 101.05.f).

3. The factual allegations in the Complaint and the violations charged have been proven.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and good cause being shown, that Nursing License No. PN-12460 issued to Respondent is revoked for a period of two (2) years.

It is further ordered that, should Respondent request reinstatement of licensure in the future, that she present the following information to the Board with her application for reinstatement:

1. Evidence of abstinence from the use of non-medically prescribed drugs and alcohol;

2. Documentation that she is rehabilitated and competent to practice nursing by submitting:
   a. A comprehensive drug/alcohol evaluation completed by a qualified health care provider at the time of application for reinstatement;
   b. A detailed summary of employment since licensure revocation or suspension; and
   c. Documentation of activities engaged in to address drug/alcohol issues, to include documentation of an active recovery program.

The Board reserves the right to assess investigative costs and attorney’s fees incurred in this matter as a condition of reinstatement.
This order is effective immediately.

DATED this 16th day of November 2006.

IDAHO STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: [Signature]
Susan Odom, Ph.D., R.N.
Chairman

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

This is a Final Order of the agency. Any party may file a motion for reconsideration of this Final Order within fourteen (14) days of the service date of this Order. The agency will dispose of the petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt, or the petition will be considered denied by operation of law. See Idaho Code § 67-5246(4).

Pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 67-5270 and 67-5272, any party aggrieved by this Final Order or orders previously issued in this case may appeal this Final Order and all previously issued orders in this case to district court by filing a petition in the district court of the county in which:

i. a hearing was held,

ii. the final agency action was taken,

iii. the party seeking review of the order resides or operates its principal place of business in Idaho, or

iv. the real property or personal property that was the subject of the agency action is located.
An appeal must be filed within twenty-eight (28) days (a) of the service date of this Final Order, (b) of an order denying petition for reconsideration, or (c) the failure within twenty-one (21) days to grant or deny a petition for reconsideration, whichever is later. See Idaho Code § 67-5273. The filing of an appeal to district court does not itself stay the effectiveness or enforcement of the order under appeal.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this ___21ST___ day of November 2006, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND FINAL ORDER, addressed as follows:

Candi Marie Christensen
9924 Elm Dr.
Payette, ID 83661

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☐ Hand Delivery
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☐ Facsimile: ______________________
☐ Statehouse Mail

Karl Klein
Deputy Attorney General
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Boise, ID 83720-0010

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SANDRA EVANS, M.A.Ed., R.N.
Executive Director
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Case Nos.  BON 06-028  BON 06-035

COMPLAINT

To:  Candi Marie Christensen  
9924 Elm Drive  
Payette, ID 83661

1.

The Idaho State Board of Nursing (hereinafter the “Board”) is empowered by Idaho Code § 54-1404 to regulate the practice of nursing in the State of Idaho.

2.

Candi Marie Christensen (hereinafter “Respondent”) is licensed to engage in the practice of practical nursing by the Idaho State Board of Nursing under License No. PN-12460.

3.

At all times relevant herein, Respondent was employed at West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell, Idaho and at Walter Knox Memorial Hospital in Emmett, Idaho.

4.

On or about June 9, 2005, Deanna Martin, Chief Nurse and Operating Officer at WVMC, met with Respondent to discuss Respondent’s incomplete documentation, higher use than peers of narcotics with patients, multiple cases of medications not being wasted, multiple cases of “push” medications being pulled and not documented by anyone, and a bottle of Lortab “spilled” and no witness to the event or waste.

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COMPLAINT - 1
5.

On or about September 2, 2005, Respondent was locked out of access to narcotics at WVMC because of incomplete documentation, inappropriate waste, and increased dosing of patients under her care.

6.

When questioned about her conduct and advised of the PRN program, Respondent denied diverting drugs.

7.

In early April 2006, it was reported to WVMC that Respondent was accessing narcotics despite being locked out of the Accudose narcotics administration system by waiting for other nurses to access the narcotics and then accepting drugs from them ostensibly to “help them out.” It was further reported that Respondent was engaged in “bizarre” behavior.

8.

On or about April 10, 2006, patient R.B. was scheduled to be discharged from WVMC, but R.B.’s doctor denied discharge because, according to R.B.'s chart, R.B. had been receiving too many pain medications. According to WVMC records, Respondent gave the following to R.B. during her shift:

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R.B. denied receiving or taking the pain medications.
10.

On or about April 11, 2006, Respondent admitted to Ms. Martin that she had been “working around” the Accudose narcotic administration safety system at WVMC as described above.

11.

Respondent’s employment with WVMC was terminated on or about April 11, 2006.

12.

On June 13, 2006, Respondent admitted to the Board’s investigator, Chanel Johnson, that she diverted and used Demerol and morphine while at work at WVMC.

Allegations Relating to Walter Knox Memorial Hospital (“WKMH”)

13.

Respondent reported to work in the ER at WKMH on May 18, 2006, at approximately 2200 to work until 0700 on May 19, 2006. During that shift, Respondent had keys to the narcotics in the ER.

14.

At approximately 0130 on May 19, 2006, Respondent’s supervisor noticed blood and poke marks on Respondent’s hand. Respondent was slurring her words, behaving erratically, and saying things out of context to co-workers. Respondent’s supervisor obtained the keys to the narcotics from Respondent, counted the boxes of medications and determined the medications were accounted for. Respondent’s supervisor told Respondent to go home, and Respondent left WKMH at approximately 0245.

15.

After Respondent left WKMH, the supervisor went back to the ER and counted the narcotic medication again. The supervisor pulled the medications out of the boxes and noticed that the seals had been broken and re-glued. The supervisor also discovered that vials of Demerol and morphine and Versed tablets were missing, and other vials
appeared to have been opened, filled with water, and re-glued shut with nail glue. The supervisor then called the Emmett Police Department and reported that Respondent had taken narcotics and had tampered with narcotics. A true and correct copy of Emmett Police Department Incident Report No. 06-0702 is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

16.

On May 19, 2006, Respondent was requested by her supervisor to perform a drug screen, which came back positive for benzodiazepines and opiates. Respondent’s employment with WKMH was then terminated.

17.

On May 22, 2006, Respondent called the Board of Nursing and admitted that she had used Demerol and morphine for two years.

18.

On June 13, 2006, Respondent admitted to the Board’s investigator, Chanel Johnson, that she diverted and used Demerol and morphine while working at WKMH. Respondent stated that sometimes she gave half of the narcotic medication to the patient and kept half for herself, and sometimes she took narcotics out for a patient and kept them, not giving anything to the patient. Respondent also admitted that she opened Demerol vials at WKMH and re-filled them with saline.

Statement of Violations

19.

Respondent’s conduct as described in Paragraphs 1 through 18 above constitutes violations of the laws governing the practice of nursing, specifically Idaho Code §§ 54-1413(1)(d), (e), (g) and (h) and Board Rules (IDAPA 23.01.01) 100.05, 100.06, 100.08, 100.09, 101.03.e, 101.04.d, 101.04.e, 101.05.c, 101.05.e and 101.05.f.

WHEREFORE, the Idaho State Board of Nursing prays for the following action:

1. That a hearing commence at a designated time to allow evidence on the allegations contained in the Complaint to be presented before the Board or the Board’s
designated hearing officer;

2. That subsequent to taking evidence, the waiver of a hearing, or the failure of the Respondent to file an Answer to this administrative Complaint, that the Board, or its designated hearing officer, shall issue findings of fact and conclusions of law finding the violations of law alleged herein;

3. That the Board determine whether the license of Respondent Candi Marie Christensen should be suspended, revoked or otherwise disciplined pursuant to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board of Nursing;

4. That Respondent be ordered to pay the Board's expenses incurred in investigating and prosecuting this matter including without limitation attorney fees and costs; and

5. For such other and further relief as the Board deems just and proper in the circumstances.

DATED this 15 day of AUGUST, 2006.

IDAHO STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By

Sandra Evans, M.A.Ed., R.N.
Executive Director

NOTIFICATION OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

Pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act codified at title 67, chapter 52, Idaho Code, and the Idaho Rules of the Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General, promulgated at IDAPA 04.11.01, if you wish to contest the charges set forth in this Complaint, you must: (1) file with the Idaho State Board of Nursing a verified Answer to the allegations contained herein within twenty-one (21) days after you are served with this Complaint and (2) request an evidentiary hearing on the charges. You are further notified that if you fail to answer and/or request a hearing, the Board may
enter a default against you and be granted the relief sought in this Complaint. Upon receipt of your Answer and request for hearing, the matter will be reviewed and a hearing scheduled. You will then be notified of the date, time and place of the hearing, the name of the hearing officer appointed by the Board (if any) and further notification of your procedural rights and responsibilities.

You also have the right to be represented by legal counsel, at your own expense, during this administrative proceeding.

Copies of the Administrative Procedure Act and the Idaho Rules of the Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General may be obtained at the Idaho State Law Library.

All original official documents must be filed with the Board at the following address:

Idaho State Board of Nursing  
280 N. Eighth Street, Suite 210  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0061  
Telephone: (208) 334-3110  
Facsimile: (208) 334-3262

A copy of the Answer and every pleading, motion or subsequent document filed with the Board must also be served upon legal counsel for the Board at the following address:

Karl T. Klein  
Deputy Attorney General  
Civil Litigation Division  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0010
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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CANDI MARIE CHRISTENSEN
9924 ELM DRIVE
PAYETTE ID 83661

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Domestic Return Receipt
PS Form 3811, February 2004
**EMMETT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORT DATE** 5/19/2006  
**REPORT TIME** 06:00  
**CALL CARD** YES  
**RECEIVED** MAY 19, 2006

**ARRESTEE**  
**SUSPECT** X

Candi M. Christensen  
Address: 9924 Elm Dr.  
City: Payette  
State: ID  
Zip: 83661

**Employer**  
**Telephone** (208)642-6152  
**Home/Message Telephone** (208)642-0204

**DOB** 10/9/77  
**AGE** 28  
**SEX** F  
**RACE** W  
**ETHN** NH  
**HGT** 5'09"  
**WGT** 160  
**HAIR** BRO  
**EYES** BRO  
**SSN** **  
**DL** WI1153861

**Juvenile's Parent or Guardian**  
**Address**  
**Telephone**

**ARREST**  
**INCIDENT** X

Possession Of A Controlled Substance 37-273 C (1)

**ADDRESS** Walter Knox Emmett  
Type of Location: Business  
**MONTH** 5  
**DAY** 19  
**YEAR** 2006  
**TIME** 22:00

**On View**  
**Type**  
**Warrant No.**  
**Warrant Date**  
**Jurisdiction**

**VICTIM** X  
COMPLAINTANT

Walter Knox  
Address: 1202 E. Locust  
City: Emmett  
State: ID  
Zip: 83617

**Employer**  
**Telephone** (208)365-3561

**DOB**  
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**EYES**  
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**Juvenile's Parent or Guardian**  
**Address**  
**Telephone**

**WITNESSES OR ASSISTING OFFICERS**  
Colleen R. Amen  
Address or Agency: 3334 U.A. Ave.  
**Phone** 365-1262  
**DOB/Age** 7/15/69  
**Employer**  
**Daytime Phone**

Gerald R. Gillaspy  
P.O. Box 777.  
**Phone** 369-0480  
**DOB/Age** 3/1/57

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**Policy No.**  
**Telephone**

**Is there an AUDIO tape?** Yes  
**No**  
**DRUGS to lab?** Yes  
**No**  
**HABITATION issued?** Yes  
**No**  
**Arresting Officer** K. Judy 164  
**Date** 5/19/2006

**Reporting Officer**  
**Date**  
**Approved By**  
**Date**  
**Reported By**  
**Date**

Exh: 10  
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REPORT BY: Officer Kim Judy  May 22, 2006
ORI#: CIT#: #06-0702
INCIDENT: Possession of a Controlled Substance
VICTIM (S): Walter Knox
SUSPECT (S): Candi M. Christensen
EVIDENCE: AUDIO _x_ VIDEO __ PHOTOS _x_ OTHER __

On 5/19/06 at approximately 0339 hrs I was dispatched to Walter Knox reference theft. Upon my arrival I spoke to the supervisor on shift Colleen Amen. Colleen informed me that one of the employee's, LPN Candi Christensen had stolen some narcotics. I asked Colleen why she thought it was Candi that had taken the narcotics. Colleen told me that everybody else was helping deliver a baby and that Candi was the only one not helping and she also had the keys to the lock box where the narcotics are kept.

I asked Colleen what had been taken. She told me that 14 of the Demerol 100mg/ml's, 4 of the Demerol 75mg/ml's, 6 of the Demerol 50mg/ml's, and 3 of the Morphine 10mg/ml's had been tampered with. She showed me the medication, which was in a syringe form. When I looked at the medications I could see that they all had a tamper resistant seal on them. I could also see that all the seals had been broken and rejoined. The syringes still had liquid in them, but Colleen told me that she thought they had been refilled with Saline. Colleen told me the glue smelled like the liquid mestesol glue that they use at the hospital.

I asked Colleen to tell me the whole story. Colleen told me that Candi came to work at 2200 hrs and was supposed to work until 0700 hrs. At 2230 hrs they had to deliver a baby, so everybody but Candi was helping. Candi was the only person unsupervised and had keys to the narcotics. Colleen told me that at approximately 0130 hrs after the baby had been delivered she asked Candi if she wanted to go outside and smoke a cigarette. They both went outside. Colleen told me that they were having a casual conversation. Colleen told me that she could see that Candi could barely keep her eyes open and she was slurring her words. Candi also made some out of the context statements (see Colleen's statement form). Colleen told Candi that if she was that tired maybe she should just go home. Candi said she just needed some caffeine and she would be okay.

Colleen told me that she also noticed blood and poke marks in Candi's hand. Colleen asked Candi what happened. Candi said a bee had stung her earlier and it was no big deal. Colleen then went to one of the other employees, Jerry Gillespy and asked him if he had noticed any weird behaviors from Candi. Jerry said Candi had made a statement about "feeding the rabbits outside" earlier. They both agreed that Candi was acting out of the ordinary.

Colleen and Jerry went into the Emergency Room where the narcotics were kept, to count them. Colleen said that she counted all the medications and that they were all accounted for. Colleen then went to tell Candi that she should probably go home. Colleen asked Candi to call when she got home to make sure she got there okay. Candi went home at approximately 0245 hrs.
EMMETT POLICE DEPARTMENT
NARRATIVE REPORT

Colleen said she went back into the ER to count the medication again after Candi left. She said this time she pulled all the medication out of the boxes and that is when she noticed the seals had been broken and re-glued. This is when she called dispatch.

I asked Colleen where the medication was kept and where she thought Candi would have injected it. She took me to the ER room and showed me the locked box that the medication was in. We looked in the trashcan to see if we could find any evidence of Candi injecting the medication. We did not find anything. I asked Colleen to take me to the bathroom, so we could look there for evidence. When we approached the bathroom door it was open. I looked in and could see blood smeared on the sink and toilet. After looking closer I also saw two drops of blood on the floor. I looked in the garbage and noticed that there were several bloody napkins, two used packages of mastesol glue, and an empty needle container, which Colleen said should not be in there.

Colleen and I went to two more rooms near the bathroom to look for more evidence. In the other garbage’s I found more used packages of glue and five empty syringe wrappers, which were supposed to have empty sterile syringes in them. It seemed as if Candi had thrown things away in different rooms to cover her tracks. It seemed as if Candi had used the empty sterile syringes with a needle to empty the medication out of the original containers and put it in the sterile syringes, then went to the bathroom where she injected some of the medication.

I asked Colleen if they had any blood swab kits. She told me they did and went to get one. Colleen used the swab and took a sample of blood off the sink then gave it to me. I took pictures of everything and then collected the blood swab, five empty syringe packages, the empty needle container, and all of the medication that had been tampered with (see pictures).

I asked Colleen if they could have Candi come back to the hospital and take a urine test. She said they would call her and ask her to come back in. I told Colleen that I was going to call Payette County to have them do a welfare check on Candi at her residence in Payette because we were unsure of how much medication she had taken. I also asked Colleen to get me an estimate on what the medication was worth.

I went to the Sheriff’s office to do some follow up. I called Payette County dispatch and informed them of the situation and asked them if they could have an officer respond to Candi’s residence to do a welfare check. I then went to the Police Department and logged all of the evidence in.

At approximately 1200 hrs Candi’s husband called me on my cell phone and left a message informing me that he had some information about his wife and I might be interested in. I called him back at approximately 1230 hrs. He told me that he is a police officer in Payette County and he had been informed of what was going on. He told me that he suspects that his wife was probably guilty. I asked him why. He told me that she was accused of the same kind of thing three to four months ago when she worked for West Valley, but that it was unfounded. I asked him if he noticed any weird behaviors when she got home last night. He told me that her movements were very slow, but he thought that was because Candi had only gotten about six hours of sleep in the last forty-eight hours. I informed him that I was going to contact Candi and have her come in and talk to me.

I went to Walter Knox at approximately 1730 hrs to find out if Candi had been in and taken the urine test. I spoke to Michael Cornett whom told me that she did come in
and they did a urine test and a blood test on Candi. Michael told me that the urine test
did come back positive. I asked Michael if I could get a copy of the test results or if I had
to have them subpoenaed. He told me that by policy they have to be subpoenaed, but that
if we did that there would be no problem in us getting that information.

I contacted Candi by phone on 5/19/06 and informed her that she needed to come
talk to me about the incident. Candi told me she was busy the rest of the evening and
asked if she could come in on 5/20/06. I told Candi that I did not work that day but she
could come in on 5/22/06 and speak to Det. Nebeker or she could come in on 5/23/06 and
speak to me, but that it was to her benefit to come as soon as possible.
Candi Christensen

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Idaho State Board of Nursing
280 N. Eighth Street, Suite 210
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Sandra Evans,

I am writing you in response to the complaints that have been filed against me by West Valley Medical Center and Walter Knox Memorial Hospital.

I am waiving my right to a hearing in front of The Idaho State Board of Nursing. I do not agree with all the allegations made against me, but must are true. By waiving my right to a hearing I understand that the Board of Nursing will determine what action will be taken against my LPN license in the state of Idaho. Also by doing so, I hope to minimum the expense that the Board has incurred that I will be responsible for.

Since the incident at Walter Knox on May 18th, 2006, I have not worked as a nurse in the state of Idaho. I have been charged by Gem County with “Unlawful Distribution of Prescription Drugs” a felony in the state of Idaho. I have also started rehab treatment with Safe Heaven in Ontario Or. I attend groups four days a week, individual counseling sessions once a week, and have been attending NA meetings three times a week. I have been accepted into to the Quad County Drug Court. While in treatment and in drug court I am subject to random searches of person and my home. I am also, subject to random UA’s. After completing drug court the felony with be discharged from my criminal record.

I would appreciate notification of the Boards discussion on my license. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Candi Christensen
STATE OF IDAHO
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
LAWRENCE G. WASDEN

September 22, 2006

Ms. Candi Marie Christensen
9924 Elm Drive
Payette, ID 83661

Re: Idaho State Board of Nursing;
Case Nos. BON 06-028 and BON 06-035

Dear Ms. Christensen:

In your recent letter to the Board of Nursing, you stated that you wished to waive your rights to a hearing before the Board. Because a Complaint has been filed against you, it is necessary for us to either (1) proceed with a hearing at the November Board meeting (at which you will be defaulted if you do not appear), or (2) settle this matter by stipulation which sets out the allegations and discipline.

Enclosed please find a proposed Stipulation and Consent Order for your review. As you can see, if you decide to settle this matter and waive your right to a hearing, your license would be revoked and you could re-apply for licensure in five years with certain conditions.

If the enclosed Stipulation and Consent Order is acceptable, please sign it and return it to me by October 13, 2006. I will then present it to the Board for approval at the November meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

KARL T. KLEIN
Deputy Attorney General

Enclosure
cc (w/enc.): Board of Nursing
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STIPULATION AND
CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, information having been received by the Idaho State Board of Nursing (hereinafter the "Board") which constitutes sufficient grounds for the initiation of an administrative action against Candi Marie Christensen (hereinafter "Respondent"); and

WHEREAS, the parties mutually agree to settle the matter pending administrative Board action in an expeditious manner; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED between the undersigned parties that this matter shall be settled and resolved upon the following terms:

A.

1. The Board may regulate the practice of nursing in the State of Idaho in accordance with title 54, chapter 14, Idaho Code.

2. Respondent Candi Marie Christensen is a licensee of the Idaho State Board of Nursing and holds License No. PN-12460 to practice practical nursing in the State of Idaho. Respondent’s license is subject to the provisions of title 54, chapter 14, Idaho Code.

Allegations Relating to
West Valley Medical Center ("WVMC")

3. On or about June 9, 2005, Deanna Martin, Chief Nurse and Operating Officer at WVMC, met with Respondent to discuss Respondent’s incomplete documentation, higher use than peers of narcotics with patients, multiple cases of medications not being wasted, multiple cases of “push” medications being pulled and not
documented by anyone, and a bottle of Lortab "spilled" and no witness to the event or waste.

4. On or about September 2, 2005, Respondent was locked out of access to narcotics at WVMC because of incomplete documentation, inappropriate waste, and increased dosing of patients under her care.

5. When questioned about her conduct and advised of the PRN program, Respondent denied diverting drugs.

6. In early April 2006, it was reported to WVMC that Respondent was accessing narcotics despite being locked out of the Accudose narcotics administration system by waiting for other nurses to access the narcotics and then accepting drugs from them ostensibly to "help them out." It was further reported that Respondent was engaged in "bizarre" behavior.

7. On or about April 10, 2006, patient R.B. was scheduled to be discharged from WVMC, but R.B.'s doctor denied discharge because, according to R.B.'s chart, R.B. had been receiving too many pain medications. According to WVMC records, Respondent gave the following to R.B. during her shift:

   4/9  2031  2-325 mg. hydrocodone
   4/9  2033  2-325 mg. hydrocodone
   4/9  2058  2-325 mg. hydrocodone
   4/9  2126  1-100 mg. Demerol
   4/9  2317  1-5 mg. Valium
   4/10 0009  2-325 mg. hydrocodone
   4/10  0019  1-100 mg. Demerol
   4/10  0330  1-100 mg. Demerol
   4/10  0546  2-325 mg. hydrocodone
   4/10  0629  1-100 mg. Demerol

8. R.B. denied receiving or taking the pain medications.

9. On or about April 11, 2006, Respondent admitted to Ms. Martin that she had been "working around" the Accudose narcotic administration safety system at
WVMC as described above.

10. Respondent’s employment with WVMC was terminated on or about April 11, 2006.

11. On June 13, 2006, Respondent admitted to the Board’s investigator, Chanel Johnson, that she diverted and used Demerol and morphine while at work at WVMC.

**Allegations Relating to Walter Knox Memorial Hospital (“WKMH”)**

12. Respondent reported to work in the ER at WKMH on May 18, 2006, at approximately 2200 to work until 0700 on May 19, 2006. During that shift, Respondent had keys to the narcotics in the ER.

13. At approximately 0130 on May 19, 2006, Respondent’s supervisor noticed blood and poke marks on Respondent’s hand. Respondent was slurring her words, behaving erratically, and saying things out of context to co-workers. Respondent’s supervisor obtained the keys to the narcotics from Respondent, counted the boxes of medications and determined the medications were accounted for. Respondent’s supervisor told Respondent to go home, and Respondent left WKMH at approximately 0245.

14. After Respondent left WKMH, the supervisor went back to the ER and counted the narcotic medication again. The supervisor pulled the medications out of the boxes and noticed that the seals had been broken and re-glued. The supervisor also discovered that vials of Demerol and morphine and Versed tablets were missing, and other vials appeared to have been opened, filled with water, and re-glued shut with nail glue. The supervisor then called the Emmett Police Department and reported that Respondent had taken narcotics and had tampered with narcotics. A true and correct copy of Emmett Police Department Incident Report No. 06-0702 is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

15. On May 19, 2006, Respondent was requested by her supervisor to perform a
drug screen, which came back positive for benzodiazepines and opiates. Respondent’s employment with WKMH was then terminated.

16. On May 22, 2006, Respondent called the Board of Nursing and admitted that she had used Demerol and morphine for two years.

17. On June 13, 2006, Respondent admitted to the Board’s investigator, Chanel Johnson, that she diverted and used Demerol and morphine while working at WKMH. Respondent stated that sometimes she gave half of the narcotic medication to the patient and kept half for herself, and sometimes she took narcotics out for a patient and kept them, not giving anything to the patient. Respondent also admitted that she opened Demerol vials at WKMH and re-filled them with saline.

18. The above-stated allegations, if proven, would constitute a violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of nursing, specifically Idaho Code §§ 54-1413(1)(d), (e), (g) and (h) and Board Rules (IDAPA 23.01.01) 100.05, 100.06, 100.08, 100.09, 101.03.e, 101.04.d, 101.04.e, 101.05.c, 101.05.e and 101.05.f.

19. Respondent, in lieu of proceeding with a formal disciplinary action to adjudicate the allegations as set forth above, hereby admits the violations and agrees to the discipline against her license as set forth in Section C below.

B.

I, Candi Marie Christensen, by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:

1. I have read and admit the allegations pending before the Board, as stated above in section A. I further understand that these allegations, if proven, constitute cause to discipline my license to practice nursing in the State of Idaho, and I agree that the Board has jurisdiction to proceed in this matter.

2. I understand that I have the right to a full and complete hearing; the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses; the right to present evidence or to call witnesses, or to so testify myself; the right to reconsideration; the right to appeal; and all rights accorded by the Administrative Procedure Act of the State of Idaho and the laws and
rules governing the practice of nursing in the State of Idaho. I hereby freely and voluntarily waive these rights in order to enter into this stipulation as a resolution of the pending allegations.

3. I understand that in signing this consent order I am enabling the Board to impose disciplinary action upon my license without further process.

C.

Based upon the foregoing stipulation, it is agreed that the Board may issue a decision and order upon this Stipulation whereby:

1. License No. PN-12460 issued to Respondent Candi Marie Christensen is hereby REVOKED and Respondent shall immediately return said license to the Board.

2. Respondent shall not be eligible to re-apply to the Board for licensure for five (5) years from the date of entry of this Consent Order by the Board.

3. If Respondent seeks reinstatement of her license, Respondent shall first:
   a. Pay investigative costs and attorney fees in the amount of Five Hundred Ten and No/100 Dollars ($510.00); and
   b. Make written application for reinstatement to the Board pursuant to Board Rule 120.01.
   c. Provide evidence of abstinence from the use of non-medically prescribed drugs and alcohol;
   d. Submit documentation that she is rehabilitated and competent to practice nursing by submitting:
      i. A comprehensive drug/alcohol evaluation completed by a qualified mental health care provider at the time of application for reinstatement;
      ii. A detailed summary of employment since licensure revocation or suspension; and
      iii. Documentation of activities engaged in to address drug/alcohol issues, to include documentation of an active recovery program.
4. Any request for reinstatement shall be evaluated by the Board pursuant to the guidelines in Board Rule 120. The Board reserves the right to hold additional hearings should Respondent seek reinstatement of licensure.

D.

1. It is hereby agreed between the parties that this settlement agreement shall be presented to the Board with a recommendation for approval from the Deputy Attorney General responsible for prosecution before the Board at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

2. Respondent understands that the Board is free to accept, modify with Respondent’s approval, or reject this settlement agreement, and if rejected by the Board, an administrative hearing will be held at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Respondent hereby agrees to waive any right Respondent may have to challenge the impartiality of the Board to hear the allegations in the Complaint if, after review by the Board, this settlement agreement is rejected.

3. If the Board does not accept this Consent Order, it shall be regarded as null and void. Admissions by Respondent in the settlement agreement will not be regarded as evidence against Respondent at the subsequent disciplinary hearing.

4. This Consent Order shall not become effective until it has been approved by a majority of the Board and endorsed by a representative member of the Board.

5. Any failure on the part of Respondent to timely and completely comply with any term or condition herein shall be deemed a default.

6. Respondent understands that the Board will not refund, in whole or in part, any monies paid to the Board for initial licensure or renewal licensure.

7. Any default of this Consent Order shall be considered a violation of Idaho Code § 54-1413. If Respondent violates or fails to comply with this Consent Order, the Board may impose additional discipline pursuant to the following procedure:

   a. The Board’s executive director shall schedule a hearing before the
Board. Within twenty-one (21) days after the notice of hearing and charges is served, Respondent shall submit a response to the allegations. If Respondent does not submit a timely response to the Board, the allegations will be deemed admitted.

b. At the hearing before the Board upon default, Board staff and Respondent may submit affidavits made on personal knowledge and argument based upon the record in support of their positions. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, the evidentiary record before the Board shall be limited to such affidavits and this Consent Order. Respondent waives a hearing before the Board on the facts and substantive matters related to the violations described in Section A, and waives discovery, cross-examination of adverse witnesses, and other procedures governing administrative hearings or civil trials.

c. At the hearing, the Board will determine whether to impose additional disciplinary action, which may include conditions or limitations upon Respondent’s practice or suspension or revocation of Respondent’s license.

8. This Stipulation and Consent Order is the resolution of a contested case and is a public record.

9. This Stipulation and Consent Order contains the entire agreement between the parties, and Respondent is not relying on any other agreement or representation of any kind, verbal or otherwise.

I have read the above stipulation fully and have had the opportunity to discuss it with legal counsel. I understand that by its terms I will be waiving certain rights accorded me under Idaho law. I understand that the Board may either approve this Consent Order as proposed, approve it subject to specified changes, or reject it. I understand that, if approved as proposed, the Board will issue an Order on this stipulation according to the aforementioned terms, and I hereby agree to the above stipulation for settlement. I understand that if the Board approves this stipulation subject to changes, and the changes are acceptable to me, the stipulation will take effect and an order modifying the terms of the stipulation will be issued. If
the changes are unacceptable to me or the Board rejects this stipulation, it will be of no effect.

DATED this ___ day of ________________ , 2006.

__________________________________________
Candi Marie Christensen
Respondent

I concur in this stipulation and order.

DATED this ___ day of ________________ , 2006.

STATE OF IDAHO
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

By __________________________
Karl T. Klein
Deputy Attorney General

ORDER

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 54-1404, the foregoing is adopted as the decision of the Board of Nursing in this matter and shall be effective on the ___ day of ______________, 2006. IT IS SO ORDERED.

IDAHO STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By __________________________
Susan Odom, Ph.D., R.N.
Chair

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER - 8
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this ___ day of ____________, 2006, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

Candi Marie Christensen
9924 Elm Drive
Payette, ID 83661

☐ U.S. Mail
☐ Hand Delivery
☒ Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
☐ Overnight Mail
☐ Facsimile: _______________________
☐ Statehouse Mail

Karl T. Klein
Deputy Attorney General
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0010

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Sandra Evans, M.A.Ed., R.N.
Executive Director
Board of Nursing
BEFORE THE IDAHO STATE BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of the License of: 
CANDI MARIE CHRISTENSEN, 
License No. PN-12460, 
Respondent. 

Case Nos. BON 06-028 BON 06-035

NOTICE OF HEARING

To: Candi Marie Christensen 
9924 Elm Drive 
Payette, ID 83661

Pursuant to the provisions of title 54, chapter 14, Idaho Code, and the duly promulgated rules of the Idaho State Board of Nursing, you are hereby notified and requested to appear before the Board on Thursday, November 2, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. (MST) at the Doubletree Club Hotel, 475 W. Parkcenter Boulevard, Doubletree Room, Boise, Idaho, and from time to time thereafter as may be required by the Board, on whether your license should be suspended, revoked or otherwise disciplined.

You are further notified that you may appear with or without the assistance of an attorney on the day, time and place specified in this Notice of Hearing and present testimony with respect to the above noted issues.

All persons requiring assistance pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in or understand the hearing must request such assistance ten (10) days in advance of the hearing by contacting the Board Office at the number or address listed below.

The hearing will be conducted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act codified at title 67, chapter 52, Idaho Code, and the Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General, promulgated at IDAPA 04.11.01. Copies of the Administrative Procedure Act and the Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General may be obtained at the Idaho State Law Library.

NOTICE OF HEARING - 1
All original official documents must be filed with the Idaho State Board of Nursing, 280 N. Eighth Street, Suite 210, Boise, ID 83720-0061; telephone (208) 334-3110; telefax (208) 334-3262 no later than October 23, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. A copy must be sent to:

Karl T. Klein  
Deputy Attorney General  
Civil Litigation Division  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0010

DATED this 17TH day of October, 2006.

IDAHO STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By Sandra Evans, M.A. Ed., R.N.  
Executive Director
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