The attached are Primary Source Documents of the Idaho Board of Nursing for:

CATHY COATES
N-12227
April 27, 1988

CERTIFIED MAIL

Cathy Coates
2708 Breneman
Boise, Idaho 83702

Dear Ms. Coates:

Upon formal action by the Idaho Board of Nursing on April 27, 1988, your professional nurse license N-12276 was indefinitely suspended. Enclosed are the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of Indefinite Suspension.

You may not practice nursing in the State of Idaho during the time your license is indefinitely suspended. Please submit your current licensure certificate by return mail.

Sincerely,

Phyllis T. Sheridan
Phyllis T. Sheridan, M.S., R.N.
Executive Director

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING, STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of
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Cathy Diane Coates
Anderson COATES
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License No. N-12227

ORDER
OF
INDEFinite SUSPENSION

The above entitled matter having been submitted to the Board of Nursing, State of Idaho, and the matters therein being fully considered by the Board of Nursing, as a result thereof, the Board of Nursing makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Based upon information in the Board of Nursing files, the Board finds that:

1. Cathy Diane Coates Anderson Coates was issued a professional nurse license on March 24, 1977, pursuant to qualifications specified in the Idaho Nursing Practice Act and holds a current license to practice nursing.

2. On or about February 25, 1988, a Petition for Revocation or Suspension of License was sent to the licensee's last known address by Certified Mail. The licensee signed for the mail on March 1, 1988.

3. On or about March 1, 1988, the licensee telephoned the Board of Nursing office to inquire about the Petition. She asked the Executive Director if the Petition would be cancelled if the psychological evaluation and the medical report regarding medications were submitted. She was told that the information in the reports would affect the actions taken.

4. On or about April 6, 1988, the licensee was sent a letter notifying her that the Answer to Petition had not been returned; that the Board had received notification of her appointment with a psychiatrist on April 26, 1988; and that she must formally request an extension of time to return the Answer to Petition.

5. On or about April 19, 1988, the Answer to Petition was received in the Board of Nursing office. The licensee stated that she was not requesting a hearing, that she had not attached a statement in her defense and admitted to sleeping four hours on the job.
6. On or about February, 1984, while on duty as a registered nurse at Grand Oaks Nursing Home, Boise, Idaho, the licensee reported to the director of nursing that she could not handle the pressure and responsibility for patients and staff, that patients were not safe with her, that she was hearing voices, that she could not reprimand staff if necessary, and that she felt other staff were talking about her. The licensee was subsequently sent home and employment was terminated in March when the licensee stated to the director of nursing that she did not feel safe functioning as a registered nurse.

7. On or about April 5, 1984, during a meeting with professional staff at the Board of Nursing office, the licensee reported that she had received psychiatric care in the past, that she was presently receiving counseling and that she did not feel she could handle or deal with nursing responsibilities at that time. The licensee signed an Agreement for monitoring to keep the Board of Nursing informed of employment, to request that performance evaluations be submitted at three month intervals if employed, to continue in counseling and to request that progress reports from the counselor be submitted at ninety day intervals. The Board of Nursing members reviewed the file on July 23, 1985. After noting that all reports were satisfactory, the Board took action to renew the professional nurse license without conditions.

8. On or about November 18, 1987, the Oregon Board of Nursing placed the licensee on probation for two years in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Stipulation for Probation which the licensee signed on September 9, 1987, and freely admitted that:

a. In 1981, she had a "nervous breakdown", was hospitalized for three weeks and was diagnosed as having paranoid schizophrenia.

b. On or about May 18, 1987, while employed at Malheur Memorial Hospital District, Nyssa, Oregon, she slept for four of the eight hours of her shift while functioning in the capacity of charge nurse.

c. On or about May 14, 1987, while employed at Malheur Memorial Hospital District, Nyssa, Oregon, she failed to adequately document or to promptly intervene when a patient experienced a significant change in condition that required he be transferred to another hospital.

9. On or about December 21, 1987, during a meeting with professional staff at the Board of Nursing office, the licensee had a flat affect and reported that she was taking Navane, Librium, and Cogentin on medical prescription for her "nerves".

10. On or about December 28, 1987, the licensee was sent a letter requesting a psychological evaluation by a qualified professional and a medical report concerning the medications that she reported she was taking.

11. On or about January 21, 1988, a letter was received from a Masters Degree Social Worker stating that he had seen the licensee periodically for nine years, that the licensee is diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic and that the prognosis remains fair as long as she remains on medications.
12. On or about February 8, 1988, the Social Worker telephoned to report that the license had been taking Navane, Cogentin and Librium and stated that he was not currently seeing the licensee, but that she called occasionally.

13. On or about April 21, 1988, the nursing service director at the licensee's current place of employment, Treasure Valley Manor, Boise, Idaho, reported by telephone that the licensee had been placed on a 30 day probation for marginal performance; she was talking inappropriately to patients, spending too much time in the break room and was copying verbatim the prior month's monthly summaries.

14. On or about April 22, 1988, professional staff at the Board of Nursing contacted Dr. Michael Estess, psychiatrist, to confirm that the licensee had kept her appointment and that a report would be submitted. Dr. Estess stated that he had seen the licensee, that she did not request that a written report be submitted, that she had discontinued her medications, and that she was in need of treatment and follow-up, and that she was having difficulty thinking and interpreting.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board of Nursing makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. That pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, IDAHO CODE, Title 54, Chapter 14, the Board of Nursing has jurisdiction over this matter.

2. That the conduct of the licensee as set forth in the Findings of Fact constitute a violation of the Idaho Nursing Practice Act, Section 54-1412 (a), (4), (6), (7), and (8), and Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations, Title 02., Chapter D., Section 01., f., h., j(x); and Title 04., Chapter A., Section 1., g., s., u., and Title 04., Chapter C., Section 2., e(wii. and viii.), g(i.[b]), j(i.[c]), and k(i. and iii.)

3. That such conduct constitutes grounds for disciplinary action, including indefinite suspension of licensure for the protection of the public.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the professional nurse license of Cathy Diane Coates Anderson Coates, Number N-12227, be and it hereby is indefinitely suspended, subject to Subsequent Review under 54-1412 (c), IDAHO CODE.

DATED THIS 27th day of April, 1988.

[Signature]

PHYLEIS SALTER
Chairman
Idaho Board of Nursing
February 25, 1988

CERTIFIED MAIL

Cathy Coates
3230 Lindsey
Boise, ID 83705

Dear Ms. Coates:

Enclosed please find the Petition for Revocation or Suspension of License instituted by the Board of Nursing and an Answer to Petition.

Sincerely,

Phyllis T. Sheridan
PHILLIS T. SHERIDAN, M.S., R.N.
Executive Director

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enclosure
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING, STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of  
Cathy Diane Coates  
Anderson COATES  
License No. N-12227

PETITION  
FOR REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION  
OF LICENSE

COMES NOW, Petitioner, Phyllis T. Sheridan, R.N., Executive Director of the Idaho Board of Nursing, and petitions this Board to revoke or suspend the license of Cathy Diane Coates Anderson Coates to practice nursing in the State of Idaho. This Petition and these proceedings are instituted upon the following grounds:

That the licensee has been grossly negligent and reckless in practicing nursing, violated Standards of Conduct as adopted by the Board, may be mentally and physically unfit to practice nursing, and engaged in conduct of a character likely to endanger patients by virtue of the following actions:

1. That on or about February, 1984, while on duty as a registered nurse at Grand Oaks Nursing Home, Boise, Idaho, the licensee reported to the director of nursing that she could not handle the pressure and responsibility for patients and staff, that patients were not safe with her, that she was hearing voices, that she could not reprimand staff if necessary, and that she felt other staff were talking about her. The licensee was subsequently sent home and employment was terminated in March when the licensee stated to the director of nursing that she did not feel safe functioning as a registered nurse.

2. That on or about April 5, 1984, during a meeting with professional staff at the Board of Nursing office, the licensee reported that she had received psychiatric care in the past, that she was presently receiving counseling and that she did not feel she could handle or deal with nursing responsibilities at that time. The licensee signed an Agreement for monitoring to August 31, 1985, and agreed to keep the Board of Nursing informed of employment, to request that performance evaluations be submitted at three month intervals if employed, to continue in counseling and to request that progress reports from the counselor be submitted at ninety day intervals. The Board of Nursing members reviewed the file on July 23, 1985. After noting that all reports were satisfactory, the Board took action to renew the professional nurse license without conditions.

3. That on or about May 14, 1987, while employed as a registered nurse at Malheur Memorial Hospital, Nyssa, Oregon, the licensee failed to adequately document or to promptly intervene when a patient experienced a significant change in condition that required transfer to another hospital.

4. That on or about May 18, 1987, while employed as a registered nurse at Malheur Memorial Hospital, Nyssa, Oregon, the licensee slept for four of the eight hours of her shift as a charge nurse.
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5. That on or about November 18, 1987, the Oregon Board of Nursing placed the licensee on probation for two years in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Stipulation for Probation which the licensee signed on September 8, 1987, and freely admitted to the violations stated in numbers three and four.

6. That on or about December 21, 1987, during a meeting with professional staff at the Board of Nursing office, the licensee had a flat affect and reported that she was taking Navane, Librium and Cogentin on medical prescription for her "nerves".

7. That on or about December 28, 1987, the licensee was sent a letter requesting a psychological evaluation by a qualified professional and a medical report concerning the medications that she reported she was taking.

8. That on or about January 21, 1988, a letter was received from a Masters Degree Social Worker stating that he had seen the licensee periodically for nine years, that the licensee is diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic and that the prognosis remains fair as long as she remains on medications.

9. That on or about February 8, 1988, the Social Worker telephoned to report that the license had been taking Navane, Cogentin and Librium and stated that she was not currently seeing the licensee, but that she called occasionally.

10. That no psychological evaluation of the licensee's current mental health status or medical report regarding medications has been received.

The undersigned, Phyllis T. Sheridan, believes that the described conduct of the licensee is in violation of Section 54-1412, (a), (4), (6), (7), and (8), IDAHO CODE and Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations, Title 02., Chapter D., Section 11., f., h., j(), and Title 04. Chapter A., Section 1., g., q., s., u., and Title 04. Chapter C., Section 2., e(vi. and viii), g(i.[b]), j[i.[c]], and k(i., and iii.)


Phyllis T. Sheridan
PELLIS T. SHERIDAN, M.S., R.N.
Executive Director
Idaho Board of Nursing
In the Matter of Suspension
or Revocation of the License
to Practice Nursing of

CATHY COATES

Respondent N-12227

ANSWER TO PETITION

Enter your answer below, sign, date and return this form within twenty (20) days after you receive it, to:

IDAHO BOARD OF NURSING
500 South 10th Street
Boise, Idaho 83720

Failure to return this form within twenty (20) days of receipt will constitute a waiver of hearing and will result in the Board of Nursing making a finding that you do not contest the allegations in the Petition. Upon such finding the Board will enter an Order, to include possible suspension or revocation of your license to practice nursing in the State of Idaho.

Instructions: Indicate your desired responses and mail this form to the address stated above.

1. ___ I do request a hearing on this matter.
   ✗ I do not request a hearing on this matter.

2. ___ I will be represented by an attorney.
   ✗ I will not be represented by an attorney.

   The name and address of my attorney is:

3. I ADMIT the following allegations in the Petition: (State "ALL" if you admit all allegations.)

   4º of sleep on the job

4. I DO NOT CONTEST the following allegations in the Petition.
   (State "ALL" if you do not contest any of the allegations.)

   I didn't leave a pt. in acute resp. distress

5. I DENY the following allegations of the Petition. (State "ALL" if you deny all of the allegations.)

   I didn't leave a pt in acute resp. distress
6. ☑ I have not attached a statement in my defense of the allegations.

7. ☐ I wish to waive my right to a hearing and voluntarily surrender my license.
   ☑ My licensure certificate is enclosed.

You have the right to:
1. an opportunity for a hearing.
2. be represented by an attorney at your own expense.
3. subpoena witnesses, or the production of documents through the Board of Nursing.

DATED this 15 day of April, 1988.

Cathy D. Center
Signature of Respondent

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