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

DEENA CRIDDLE
PN-11447

Idaho Board of Nursing – PO Box 83720 – Boise, Idaho 83720-0061 – (208) 334-3110
Deena Criddle  
PO Box 315  
Downey, ID 83234

Dear Ms. Criddle:

Following a review of materials submitted in support of your request for reinstatement, during their February 3-4, 2005 meeting the Board members took action to deny the request for reinstatement of your practical nurse license based on a short period of sobriety.

Although the Board recognizes the progress you have made in recovery to this point; additional evidence of recovery and long-term sobriety is required. Board members also noted that there was not evidence of financial compliance with the National Confederation of Professional Services (NCPS) and the Program for Recovering Nurses (PRN). You will need to submit documentation of compliance when you again request reinstatement. You may approach the Board again when you can demonstrate a period of not less than one (1) year of sobriety and stability in recovery. The next scheduled meetings of the Board are:

April 28-29, 2005   Deadline: March 28, 2005  
July 28-29, 2005    Deadline: June 28, 2005  
November 10-11, 2005 Deadline: October 10, 2005

Additional meeting dates will be set at the April 2005 Board meeting.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact me at the Board office (208) 334-3110 ext. 21.

Sincerely,

SANDRA EVANS, MAEd, RN  
Executive Director

SE:Inc

The Mission of the Board of Nursing is to regulate nursing practice and education for the purpose of safeguarding the public health, safety and welfare.
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of: ) Case No. 02-010
) 
DEENA MARIE NISSON CRIDDLE, ) FINDINGS OF FACT,
License No. PN-11447, ) CONCLUSIONS OF LAW,
) AND FINAL ORDER
Respondent. 

Having reviewed the documents and correspondence contained in the administrative file in this matter, the Idaho Board of Nursing (hereinafter the “Board”) hereby enters the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Deena Marie Nisson Criddle (“Respondent”) is a duly licensed nurse in the State of Idaho holding License No. PN-11447.

2. On or about February 29, 2002, Respondent voluntarily surrendered her license, admitting to violations of the Nursing Practice Act. A true and correct copy of the voluntary surrender form signed by Respondent is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

3. Respondent agreed upon signing the form to enter treatment immediately, and to participate in a monitoring program. The Program Coordinator recommended she complete 90-days of in-patient treatment; however, she refused to enter this treatment.

4. Respondent submitted a letter to the Advisory Committee indicating that she would not be entering treatment and was giving up nursing. A true and correct copy of the letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

5. Following their regular meeting on April 12, 2002, the PRN Advisory Committee issued a Report of Non-Compliance with the Contract for Monitoring. A true and correct copy of the Report of Non-Compliance is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.
6. Respondent knowingly and freely waived her right to a hearing, and waived all rights granted to Respondent pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As a licensed nurse in the State of Idaho, Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and to the provisions of title 54, chapter 14, Idaho Code, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board thereunder.

2. The allegations in the complaint, if proven, would constitute violations of the Nursing Practice Act and Rules and constitute grounds for revocation or suspension of Respondent's license to practice nursing pursuant to Idaho Code § 54-1413(1)(e), and IDAPA 23.01.01.100.06, and 100.09.e.

3. Respondent's voluntary surrender of licensure authorizes the Board to revoke or suspend Respondent's license without further process pursuant to Idaho Code § 54-1413(2).

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-11447 issued to Respondent Deena Marie Nisson Criddle is

x Revoked

Suspended ____ days/year(s) _____ indefinitely based upon voluntary surrender, and is subject to subsequent review pursuant to Idaho Code § 54-1413(3).

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 mental 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.
   d. Evidence of financial compliance with NCPS and the PRN 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 ___ day of ___, 2002.

IDAHO BOARD OF NURSING

By ____________________
Charles Moseley, CRNA
Chair

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE RIGHTS

If respondent’s license was revoked, then pursuant to Board Rule 120.06, Respondent may not apply to the Board for reinstatement for two (2) years after the date of execution of this Order unless the Order specifies otherwise. At the time of application, the Board may conduct further evidentiary hearings pursuant to Board Rule 120 to determine whether to deny reinstatement, grant a reinstatement, or issue a license permitting the applicant to practice nursing under specified terms and conditions.

If respondent’s license was suspended Respondent may apply to the Board within a reasonable time after the execution of this Order, or as specified by the term of suspension. At the time of application, the Board may conduct further evidentiary
hearings pursuant to Board Rule 120 to determine whether to deny reinstatement, grant a reinstatement, or issue a license permitting the applicant to practice nursing under specified terms and conditions.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 20th day of May_____, 2002, 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:

Deena Criddle
603 E. 2nd North
Downey, Idaho 83234

X U.S. Mail, postage prepaid
X Certified U.S. Mail, return receipt
___ Hand Delivery
___ Overnight Mail
___ Facsimile:
___ Statehouse Mail

Sandra Evans, M.A.Ed., R.N.
Executive Director
TO: SANDRA EVANS, MAEd, RN
   Executive Director
   Idaho Board of Nursing

FROM: Karen Ellis, RN, Chairperson
   Program for Recovering Nurses

DATE: April 12, 2002

The file of Deena Criddle was reviewed at the Advisory Committee meeting on April 12, 2002, and found to be in non-compliance of recommendations because of the following:

   Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of the Contract for Monitoring

The Committee made the following recommendation(s):

   Refer to Board for disciplinary action.

File reviewed by Executive Director:

__________________________  __________________________
Signature  Date

Action Recommended to Board:

EXHIBIT NO: 3
To: Linda Coley R.N., Idaho State Board of Nursing

From: Deena Criddle

Date: April 8, 2002

Dear Linda,

I am faxing this letter to you for the meeting on 04-12-02. I talked with you last week of the letter from PRN. They recommended that I go into a 90 day inpatient treatment facility. I don’t agree with this. For one thing we are going through bankruptcy right now and can’t afford it. For another reason, I won’t leave my family again.

I turned myself in to Teresa at PRN. I didn’t want to live with the guilt of what I had done (when I relapsed) I confessed to what I did. I turned myself in. This resulted in me losing my job, giving up my license, bankruptcy, and now I am giving up my career as a nurse. I know that I did all of these things to myself when I relapsed. I take full responsibility for what I did. Believe me I have kicked myself for not calling someone in AA. I am writing this to let you and the Board know that I am giving up nursing. I will not be asking for reinstatement now or ever. I want you to know that this isn’t an easy decision for me. I loved being a nurse, and I was a great nurse.

I also want you to know I have been clean and sober since that relapse at the end on January. I still attend meetings, and I will keep going for myself not because I have to, but because I want to.

I sincerely hope that you and the committee do not let Art Phelps vote on the outcome of my situation. He is one of my creditors I had to file bankruptcy on for approx $3,000.00. He also canceled an appointment with me when I was at my lowest because he didn’t see the point in an evaluation because I had relapsed. I guess he didn’t see the point in just helping me get through one of the hardest times in my life.

EXHIBIT NO: 2
I want to thank you for taking the time to talk to me about everything. I know that the board still has to decide what to do with me. Please let me know what they decide.

Sincerely,

Deena Criddle

Deena Criddle
P.O. Box 315
Downey, ID 83234

208-897-5937
Prescription for Services (Board of Nursing)

TO: Dianna Scales

FAX #: 208-788-0835

FROM: Mary Mundzin, Secretary

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RE: Deena Criddle
RULE 132
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE

I, Deena Criddle, by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:

1. I admit that I have engaged in the following conduct: used Vicodin illegally, 5 dr. order

2. I understand that the admitted facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Idaho Code §54-1413(1) and the rules of the Board, IDAPA 23.01.01, et seq. I also understand that the Board of Nursing has the authority to accept this voluntary surrender pursuant to Idaho Code §54-1413(2)(a).

3. I am aware that, without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me, except pursuant to the Idaho Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code.

4. I understand that I have the following rights, among others: the right to a formal fact finding hearing before the Board, to reasonable notice of said hearing, to representation by counsel, to present evidence and testimony on my behalf, to compel the testimony of witnesses, and to cross-examine witnesses against me; and

5. I waive all such rights, including the right to a formal disciplinary hearing.

6. I also waive the right to challenge the board for bias in the event that charges concerning these admitted facts or any other matter involving my license are brought before the board.

7. In lieu of a formal disciplinary hearing, I hereby voluntarily surrender license number PN-11447 and will immediately discontinue the practice of nursing in Idaho.

8. As required by Board of Nursing Rule 132, IDAPA 23.01.01.132, I agree to enter treatment immediately, to participate in a monitoring program and to resume the practice of nursing only at such time as a conditional limited license has been issued to me.

9. I understand that Board of Nursing representatives will, if questioned, report the status of my license as “surrendered.”

DATED: 2/28/2002

Deena Criddle

Signature of Licensee

603 E. 2nd N.

Address

Downey, ID 83234

City, State, Zip

Deena Criddle

Signature of Witness

EXHIBIT NO: 

State of Idaho
Board of Nursing

This is to certify that:

Deena Criddle

POB 315

Downey, ID 83234-0315

has complied with the requirements of the law and is entitled to practice as a LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)

Deena Criddle

Valid when signed by licensee
DEENA CRIDDLE
603 E 2ND NORTH
DOWNEY ID 83234

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