BEFORE THE
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against: ANNE HUSS P.O. Box 477 Westwood, CA 96137 Registered Nurse License No. 567120 Respondent.	Case No. 2006-265 OAH No. 2006-265

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on June 5, 2008.

It is so ORDERED MAY 5, 2008.

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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

PARTIES

1. Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H, R.N ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, by Jeffrey M. Phillips, Deputy Attorney General.

2. Anne Huss ("Respondent") is representing herself in this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.

3. On or about May 31, 2000, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered Nurse License No. 567120 to Respondent. The Nursing License was in full force and

effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 2006-265 and will expire on May 31, 2008, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 2006-265 was filed before the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on June 27, 2006. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 2006-265 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2006-265. Respondent has also carefully read, and fully understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 2006-265.

9. Respondent agrees that her Registered Nursing License is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in t' Disciplinary Order below.

RESERVATION

10. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board of Registered Nursing or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

CONTINGENCY

11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Registered Nursing. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Registered Nursing may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

OTHER MATTERS

12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 567120 issued to Respondent Anne Huss is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

Severability Clause. Each condition of probation contained herein is a separate

and distinct condition. If any condition of this Order, or any application thereof, is declared unenforceable in whole, in part, or to any extent, the remainder of this Order, and all other applications thereof, shall not be affected. Each condition of this Order shall separately be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

1. **Obey All Laws.** Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws. A full and detailed account of any and all violations of law shall be reported by Respondent to the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of occurrence. To permit monitoring of compliance with this condition, Respondent shall submit completed fingerprint forms and fingerprint fees within 45 days of the effective date of the decision, unless previously submitted as part of the licensure application process.

Criminal Court Orders: If Respondent is under criminal court orders, including probation or parole, and the order is violated, this shall be deemed a violation of these probation conditions, and may result in the filing of an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation.

2. **Comply with the Board's Probation Program.** Respondent shall fully comply with the conditions of the Probation Program established by the Board and cooperate with representatives of the Board in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall inform the Board in writing within no more than 15 days of any address change and shall at all times maintain an active, current license status with the Board, including during any period of suspension.

Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's license shall be fully restored.

3. **Report in Person.** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall appear in person at interviews/meetings as directed by the Board or its designated representatives.

4. **Residency, Practice, or Licensure Outside of State.** Periods of residency or practice as a registered nurse outside of California shall not apply toward a reduction of this probation time period. Respondent's probation is tolled, if and when she resides outside of California. Respondent must provide written notice to the Board within 15 days of any change

of residency or practice outside the state, and within 30 days prior to re-establishing residency or returning to practice in this state.

Respondent shall provide a list of all states and territories where she has ever been licensed as a registered nurse, vocational nurse, or practical nurse. Respondent shall further provide information regarding the status of each license and any changes in such license status during the term of probation. Respondent shall inform the Board if she applies for or obtains a new nursing license during the term of probation.

5. **Submit Written Reports.** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall submit or cause to be submitted such written reports/declarations and verification of actions under penalty of perjury, as required by the Board. These reports/declarations shall contain statements relative to Respondent's compliance with all the conditions of the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by the Board or its representatives.

Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to the nursing regulatory agency in every state and territory in which she has a registered nurse license.

6. **Function as a Registered Nurse.** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall engage in the practice of registered nursing in California for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board. For purposes of compliance with the section, "engage in the practice of registered nursing" may include, when approved by the Board, volunteer work as a registered nurse, or work in any non-direct patient care position that requires licensure as a registered nurse.

The Board may require that advanced practice nurses engage in advanced practice nursing for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of her good faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in

order to comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation shall apply.

7. **Employment Approval and Reporting Requirements.** Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before commencing or continuing any employment, paid or voluntary, as a registered nurse. Respondent shall cause to be submitted to the Board all performance evaluations and other employment related reports as a registered nurse upon request of the Board.

Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to her employer and immediate supervisors prior to commencement of any nursing or other health care related employment.

In addition to the above, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after she obtains any nursing or other health care related employment. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after she is terminated or separated, regardless of cause, from any nursing, or other health care related employment with a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination or separation.

8. **Supervision.** Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board regarding Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration before commencing or continuing any employment as a registered nurse, or education and training that includes patient care. Respondent shall practice only under the direct supervision of a registered nurse in good standing (no current discipline) with the Board of Registered Nursing, unless alternative methods of supervision and/or collaboration (e.g., with an advanced practice nurse or physician) are approved.

Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration may include, but is not limited to the following:

(a) Maximum - The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is present in the patient care area or in any other work setting at all times.

(b) Moderate - The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is in the patient care unit or in any other work setting at least half the hours Respondent works.

(c) Minimum - The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration has person-to-person communication with Respondent at least twice during each shift worked.

(d) Home Health Care - If Respondent is approved to work in the home health care setting, the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall have person-to-person communication with Respondent as required by the Board each work day. Respondent shall maintain telephone or other telecommunication contact with the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration as required by the Board during each work day. The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall conduct, as required by the Board, periodic, on-site visits to patients' homes visited by Respondent with or without Respondent present.

9. **Employment Limitations.** Respondent shall not work for a nurse's registry, in any private duty position as a registered nurse, a temporary nurse placement agency, a traveling nurse, or for an in-house nursing pool.

Respondent shall not work for a licensed home health agency as a visiting nurse unless the registered nursing supervision and other protections for home visits have been approved by the Board. Respondent shall not work in any other registered nursing occupation where home visits are required.

Respondent shall not work in any health care setting as a supervisor of registered nurses. The Board may additionally restrict Respondent from supervising licensed vocational nurses and/or unlicensed assistive personnel on a case-by-case basis.

Respondent shall not work as a faculty member in an approved school of nursing or as an instructor in a Board approved continuing education program.

Respondent shall work only on a regularly assigned, identified and predetermined worksite(s) and shall not work in a float capacity.

If Respondent is working or intends to work in excess of 40 hours per week, the Board may request documentation to determine whether there should be restrictions on the hours of work.

10. **Complete a Nursing Course(s).** Respondent, at her own expense, shall enroll and successfully complete a course(s) relevant to the practice of registered nursing no later

than six months prior to the end of her probationary term.

Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before enrolling in the course(s). Respondent shall submit to the Board the original transcripts or certificates of completion for the above required course(s). The Board shall return the original documents to Respondent after photocopying them for its records.

11. **Cost Recovery.** Respondent shall pay to the Board costs associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the amount of $2,929.50. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board, with payments to be completed no later than three months prior to the end of the probation term.

If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of her good faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation will apply.

12. **Violation of Probation.** If Respondent violates the conditions of her probation, the Board after giving Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order and impose the stayed discipline (revocation/suspension) of Respondent's license.

If during the period of probation, an accusation or petition to revoke probation has been filed against Respondent's license or the Attorney General's Office has been requested to prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation against Respondent's license, the probationary period shall automatically be extended and shall not expire until the accusation or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

13. **License Surrender.** During Respondent's term of probation, if she ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the conditions of probation, Respondent may surrender her license to the Board. The Board reserves the right to

evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances, without further hearing. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license and wall certificate, Respondent will no longer be subject to the conditions of probation.

Surrender of Respondent's license shall be considered a disciplinary action and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board. A registered nurse whose license has been surrendered may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than the following minimum periods from the effective date of the disciplinary decision:

(1) Two years for reinstatement of a license that was surrendered for any reason other than a mental or physical illness; or

(2) One year for a license surrendered for a mental or physical illness.

14. **Physical Examination.** Within 45 days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent, at her expense, shall have a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, who is approved by the Board before the assessment is performed, submit an assessment of the Respondent's physical condition and capability to perform the duties of a registered nurse. Such an assessment shall be submitted in a format acceptable to the Board. If medically determined, a recommended treatment program will be instituted and followed by the Respondent with the physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant providing written reports to the Board on forms provided by the Board.

If Respondent is determined to be unable to practice safely as a registered nurse, the licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant making this determination shall immediately notify the Board and Respondent by telephone, and the Board shall request that the Attorney General's office prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation. Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board. During this period of suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board is required until the Board has notified Respondent that a medical determination permits Respondent to resume practice. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period.

If Respondent fails to have the above assessment submitted to the Board within the 45-day requirement, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period. The Board may waive or postpone this suspension only if significant, documented evidence of mitigation is provided. Such evidence must establish good faith efforts by Respondent to obtain the assessment, and a specific date for compliance must be provided. Only one such waiver or extension may be permitted.

15. **Participate in Treatment/Rehabilitation Program for Chemical Dependence.** Respondent, at her expense, shall successfully complete during the probationary period or shall have successfully completed prior to commencement of probation a Board-approved treatment/rehabilitation program of at least six months duration. As required, reports shall be submitted by the program on forms provided by the Board. If Respondent has not completed a Board-approved treatment/rehabilitation program prior to commencement of probation, Respondent, within 45 days from the effective date of the decision, shall be enrolled in a program. If a program is not successfully completed within the first nine months of probation, the Board shall consider Respondent in violation of probation.

Based on Board recommendation, each week Respondent shall be required to attend at least one, but no more than five 12-step recovery meetings or equivalent (e.g., Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.) and a nurse support group as approved and directed by the Board. If a nurse support group is not available, an additional 12-step meeting or equivalent shall be added. Respondent shall submit dated and signed documentation confirming such attendance to the Board during the entire period of probation. Respondent shall continue with the recovery plan recommended by the treatment/rehabilitation program or a licensed mental health examiner and/or other ongoing recovery groups.

16. **Abstain from Use of Psychotropic (Mood-Altering) Drugs.** Respondent shall completely abstain from the possession, injection or consumption by any route of all controlled substances and all psychotropic (mood altering) drugs, including alcohol, except when the same are ordered by a health care professional legally authorized to do so as part of

documented medical treatment. Respondent shall have sent to the Board, in writing and within fourteen (14) days, by the prescribing health professional, a report identifying the medication, dosage, the date the medication was prescribed, the Respondent's prognosis, the date the medication will no longer be required, and the effect on the recovery plan, if appropriate.

Respondent shall identify for the Board a single physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant who shall be aware of Respondent's history of substance abuse and will coordinate and monitor any prescriptions for Respondent for dangerous drugs, controlled substances or mood-altering drugs. The coordinating physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant shall report to the Board on a quarterly basis Respondent's compliance with this condition. If any substances considered addictive have been prescribed, the report shall identify a program for the time limited use of any such substances.

The Board may require the single coordinating physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant to be a specialist in addictive medicine, or to consult with a specialist in addictive medicine.

17. **Submit to Tests and Samples.** Respondent, at her expense, shall participate in a random, biological fluid testing or a drug screening program which the Board approves. The length of time and frequency will be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent is responsible for keeping the Board informed of Respondent's current telephone number at all times. Respondent shall also ensure that messages may be left at the telephone number when she is not available and ensure that reports are submitted directly by the testing agency to the Board, as directed. Any confirmed positive finding shall be reported immediately to the Board by the program and Respondent shall be considered in violation of probation.

In addition, Respondent, at any time during the period of probation, shall fully cooperate with the Board or any of its representatives, and shall, when requested, submit to such tests and samples as the Board or its representatives may require for the detection of alcohol, narcotics, hypnotics, dangerous drugs, or other controlled substances.

If Respondent has a positive drug screen for any substance not legally authorized and not reported to the coordinating physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, and the

Board files a petition to revoke probation or an accusation, the Board may suspend Respondent from practice pending the final decision on the petition to revoke probation or the accusation. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period.

If Respondent fails to participate in a random, biological fluid testing or drug screening program within the specified time frame, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board. After taking into account documented evidence of mitigation, if the Board files a petition to revoke probation or an accusation, the Board may suspend Respondent from practice pending the final decision on the petition to revoke probation or the accusation. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period.

18. **Mental Health Examination.** Respondent shall, within 45 days of the effective date of this Decision, have a mental health examination including psychological testing as appropriate to determine her capability to perform the duties of a registered nurse. The examination will be performed by a psychiatrist, psychologist or other licensed mental health practitioner approved by the Board. The examining mental health practitioner will submit a written report of that assessment and recommendations to the Board. All costs are the responsibility of Respondent. Recommendations for treatment, therapy or counseling made as a result of the mental health examination will be instituted and followed by Respondent.

If Respondent is determined to be unable to practice safely as a registered nurse, the licensed mental health care practitioner making this determination shall immediately notify the Board and Respondent by telephone, and the Board shall request that the Attorney General's office prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation. Respondent shall immediately cease practice and may not resume practice until notified by the Board. During this period of suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board is required, until the Board has notified Respondent that a mental health determination permits Respondent to resume practice. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period.

If Respondent fails to have the above assessment submitted to the Board within

the 45-day requirement, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period. The Board may waive or postpone this suspension only if significant, documented evidence of mitigation is provided. Such evidence must establish good faith efforts by Respondent to obtain the assessment, and a specific date for compliance must be provided. Only one such waiver or extension may be permitted.

19. **Therapy or Counseling Program.** Respondent, at her expense, shall participate in an on-going counseling program until such time as the Board releases her from this requirement and only upon the recommendation of the counselor. Written progress reports from the counselor will be required at various intervals.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Registered Nurse License No.. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Registered Nursing.

DATED: 2/8/2008

ANNE HUSS (Respondent)
Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 2/20/08

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Exhibit A

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Complainant alleges:

PARTIES

1. Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N. ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs.

2. On or about May 31, 2000, the Board of Registered Nursing (Board") issued Registered Nurse License Number 567120 to Anne Elizabeth Huss ("Respondent"). The license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 31, 2006, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

3. Section 2750 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") provides:

> "Every certificate holder or licensee, including licensees holding temporary licenses, or licensees holding licenses placed in an inactive status, may be disciplined as provided in this article

[Article 3 of the Nursing Practice Act (Bus. & Prof Code, § 2700 et seq.)]. As used in this article, 'license' includes certificate, registration, or any other authorization to engage in practice regulated by this chapter. The proceedings under this article shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code [the Administrative Procedure Act], and the board shall have all the powers granted therein."

4. Code section 2764 provides:

"The lapsing or suspension of a license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licentiate shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to proceed with any investigation of or action or disciplinary proceeding against such license, or to render a decision suspending or revoking such license."

5. Code section 2811, subdivision (b), provides that the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

6. Code section 490 provides:

"A board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued. A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action which a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."

7. Code section 2761 provides, in pertinent part:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

(a) Unprofessional conduct . . .

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(f) Conviction of a felony or of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof."

8. Code section 2762 provides:

"In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act], it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following:

. . . .

(b) Use any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code, or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022, or alcoholic beverages, to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself or herself, any other person, or the public or to the extent that such use impairs his or her ability to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by his or her license.

(c) Be convicted of a criminal offense involving the prescription, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section, or the possession of, or falsification of a record pertaining to, the substances described in subdivision (a) of this section, in which event the record of the conviction is conclusive evidence thereof."

9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, provides, in pertinent part:

"A conviction or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a registered nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences the present or potential unfitness of a registered nurse to practice in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

10. Code section 125.3 provides that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

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Background

11. On or about August 16, 2004, the Board received a written complaint alleging that Respondent had been convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol and, that while on duty at Indian Valley Hospital, located in Greenville, California, Respondent committed numerous acts of unprofessional conduct related to patient care.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Crime)

12. Respondent's license is subject to discipline under Code sections 490 and 2761, subdivision (f), in that, as more particularly set forth below, Applicant/Respondent was convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a registered nurse within the meaning of California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444:

a. On or about September 15, 2004, in the case entitled, *The People v. Anne Elizabeth Huss* (Super. Ct. Lassen County, 2004, No. CR020908), Respondent was convicted

by the court on a plea of guilty of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) (driving under the influence of alcohol), a misdemeanor. As set forth in the criminal complaint, the circumstances of the conviction are that on or about March 21, 2004, Respondent unlawfully, while having 0.08 percent and more, by weight, of alcohol in the blood, drove a vehicle.

b. On or about September 15, 2004, in the case entitled, *The People v. Anne Elizabeth Huss* (Super. Ct. Lassen County, 2004, No. CR021059), Respondent was convicted

by the court on a plea of no contest of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) (driving under the influence of alcohol), a misdemeanor. As set forth in the criminal complaint, the circumstances of the conviction are that on or about May 19, 2004, Respondent unlawfully, while having 0.08 percent and more, by weight, of alcohol in the blood, drove a vehicle.

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SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Criminal Offenses Involving the Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages)

13. Respondent's license is subject to discipline for unprofessional conduct under Code section 2762, subdivision (c), in that, as set forth under paragraphs 12(a) and 12(b), above, Respondent was convicted of crimes involving the consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dangerous or Injurious Use of Alcoholic Beverages)

14. Respondent's license is subject to discipline for unprofessional conduct under Code section 2762, subdivision (b), in that, as set forth under paragraphs 12(a) and 12(b), above, Respondent used alcoholic beverages to such an extent or in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to Respondent, any other person, or the public, in that while under the combined influence of alcoholic beverages, Respondent drove a vehicle.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

15. Respondent's license is subject to discipline under Code section 2761, subdivision (a), for the commission of acts of unprofessional conduct as set forth under paragraphs 12 through 14, above, and as follows:

a. **Patient #01146.**

1. During her shift on June 8, 2004, at Indian Valley Hospital, Respondent failed to make entries in her nurse's notes concerning the care provided to Patient #01146.

2. During her shift on June 8, 2004, at Indian Valley Hospital, Respondent recorded Patient #01146's vital sign readings on only one occasion.

3. During her shift on June 8, 2004, at Indian Valley Hospital, Respondent failed to submit physician orders for laboratory testing for Patient #01146.

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4. During her shift on June 8, 2004, at Indian Valley Hospital, Respondent made an incomplete and unclear entry on Patient #01146's medication administration record concerning a physician's order for Zofran.

b. **Patient #18648.** During her shift on June 24, 2004, at Indian Valley Hospital, Respondent failed to record that a laxative had been administered by Respondent to Patient #18648.

c. **Patient #03570.**

1. During her shift on July 3, 2004, at Indian Valley Hospital, Respondent failed to enter a physician's order for Urecholine on Patient #03570's medication administration record.

2. During her shift on July 13, 2004, at Indian Valley Hospital, Respondent requested Patient #03570 to perform a personal errand for Respondent.

d. **Patient #07062.** During her shift on July 10, 2004, at Indian Valley Hospital, Respondent failed to administer suppositories, as ordered, to Patient #07062.

e. **Patient #08873.** During her shift on July 10, 2004, at Indian Valley Hospital, Respondent failed to administer suppositories, as ordered, to Patient #08873.

f. **Patient G. B.** During her shift on August 1, 2004, at Indian Valley Hospital, Respondent obtained and administered five tablets of Dulcolax to Patient G. B. instead of the prescribed dosage of two tablets; and, Respondent administered Dulcolax to Patient G. B. two hours earlier than the directed administration time.

g. **Patient M. B.** During her shift on August 2, 2004, at Indian Valley Hospital, Respondent administered Oxycontin to Patient M. B. at the wrong administration time and incorrectly prepared Oxycontin, contrary to the orders, for administration to Patient M. B.

h. **Patient E. H.** During her shift on August 10, 2004, at Indian Valley Hospital, Respondent failed to record that Patient E. H.'s physician had ordered that the administration of potassium to the patient be discontinued, resulting in extra doses being administered by other staff over a 13 day period.

i. **Patient G. K.** During her shift on August 27, 2004, at Indian Valley Hospital, Respondent failed to administer physician-ordered medications to Patient G. K.; Respondent failed to obtain laboratory tests for Patient G. K. as ordered by the physician; and, Respondent administered the wrong drug to Patient G. K. due to Respondent transcribing a physician order on the wrong medication administration record of another patient.

j. **Patient L. B.** During her shift on August 27, 2004, at Indian Valley Hospital, Respondent administered Tylenol to Patient L. B. without first consulting with the patient's acute care nurse and failed to record the administration of Tylenol in Patient L. B.'s medication administration record, that resulted in the patient receiving an extra unprescribed dose of medication.

k. **Patient D. C.** During her shift on August 29, 2004, at Indian Valley Hospital, following vital sign readings indicating that Patient D. C.'s blood pressure was higher than normal, Respondent failed to provide treatment to the patient and, Respondent failed to document this elevated blood pressure in the medical records regarding Patient D. C.

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WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing the Board issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 567120, issued to Anne Elizabeth Huss;

2. Ordering Anne Elizabeth Huss to pay the reasonable costs incurred by the Board in the investigation and enforcement of this case pursuant to Code section 125.3; and,

3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 6/15/06

RUTH ANN TERRY, M.P.H., R.N.
Executive Officer
Board of Registered Nursing
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State of California
Complainant

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