



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2017-790A

Kim Glazier, Executive Director
Oklahoma Board of Nursing
2915 N. Classen Blvd., Ste. 524
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106

November 17, 2017

Dear Executive Director Glazier:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing intends to take pursuant to consent agreement in case 5.028.18., The licensee, who has been previously disciplined by the Board, referred to patients as “the crazies” while working at a psychiatric hospital. The Board proposes to require the licensee to complete a remedial education course in Nursing Ethics to include Professionalism and pay a \$500 administrative penalty.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes “corrective action” when a nurse “fails to adequately care for patients or to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable nursing” in a way that “unnecessarily exposes a patient or other person to risk of harm.” 59 O.S.Supp.2017, §§ 567.8a(A), 567.8(B)(3). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to deter future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing has adequate support for the conclusion that the action advances the State’s policy to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring nurses meet minimum standards of professional conduct.

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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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