

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2017-846A

Kim Glazier, Executive Director Oklahoma Board of Nursing 2915 N. Classen Blvd., Ste. 524 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106 December 5, 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 a consent agreement in case 3.141.18. The licensee has previously entered into at least two Stipulation, Settlement and Orders with the Board for violations including abandoning patients and a positive drug screen. Additionally, the licensee failed to report a 2007 misdemeanor charge on several renewal applications and one APRN-CNS with an APRN prescriptive authority application submitted in August 2017. The Board proposes to grant the application, but place the licensee on probation for 1,440 cumulative worked hours. The licensee will also be required to complete a remedial education course and pay a \$3,000 administrative penalty.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes disciplinary action when a nurse "is guilty of deceit or material misrepresentation in procuring or attempting to procure" a license or is "guilty of unprofessional conduct." 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(1)(a), (7). The Board may reasonably believe that the Licensee's failure to disclose required information warrants the proposed action.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring that licensure applications are truthful and complete.

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