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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2018-216A

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

June 19, 2018

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 in case 3.279.18. Between 2005 and 2009 the licensee was charged with multiple felonies, most of which involved the use and/or trafficking of illegal drugs and controlled dangerous substance medications. As a result, the licensee was imprisoned until December of 2016. In July 2017 the licensee submitted an application for reinstatement. The Board proposes to deny the application

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to impose discipline when a nurse "[i]s guilty of a felony, or any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any licensee," "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," "is guilty of unprofessional conduct," "[i]s guilty of any act that jeopardizes a patient's life, health or safety," has violated state or federal law related to nursing, or "[h]as defaulted from [PAP] for any reason." 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(2-3), (7), (9), (11). 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 this 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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RYAN CHAFFIN  
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