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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2019-132A

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

March 6, 2019

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 order in case 6.020.19. The licensee admitted to groping the resident's chest, refusing to leave the resident's room, and telling the resident that the licensee wanted to see the resident naked. During an investigative conference at the Board's office, the licensee exhibited impaired behavior and admitted to the alleged misconduct. The licensee has requested to voluntarily surrender the license. The Board proposes to accept the surrender. Prior to reinstatement, the licensee must submit to an evaluation, complete remedial education courses, and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,500. Upon reinstatement, the licensee will be required to complete 1440 hours of supervised practice to be completed in two years and complete twice monthly drug screens.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act requires the Board to impose discipline 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," "is guilty of unprofessional conduct," "[i]s guilty of any act that jeopardizes a patient's life, health or safety," [f]ails to maintain professional boundaries with patients," or "[e]ngages in sexual misconduct, as defined in Board rules, with a current or former patient 59 O.S.Supp.2018, § 567.8(B)(3), (7-8), (12-13). 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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