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

July 31, 2020

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 3.011.21. On multiple occasions in August 2018, the licensee failed to administer medications to a patient. On one occasion in the same month, the licensee failed to administer tube feedings to four patients, but documented she had. The licensee admitted to these acts but failed to cooperate with the Board investigation. The Board proposes to revoke the license for 5 years and issue a severe reprimand. Prior to reinstatement, the licensee must complete education courses and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000 and investigative costs of \$806.21.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to impose discipline when a nurse “[f]ails 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,” “[i]s guilty of unprofessional conduct,” or “[i]s guilty of any act that jeopardizes a patient’s life, health or safety.” 59 O.S.Supp.2019, § 567.8(B)(3), (7-8). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed actions are 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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