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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
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Kim Glazier, Executive Director  
Oklahoma Board of Nursing  
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106

October 15, 2015

Dear Executive Director Glazier:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency action that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing intends to take in Board case 3.001.16. The proposed action is to enter a supplemental order requiring completion of a course in professional boundaries after professional evaluation. The initial disciplinary action involved inappropriate conduct including showing physical intimacy with a patient and passing cash to the patient at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2014, §§ 567.1–567.20, authorizes the Board to impose discipline on nurses who fail to “conform to the minimum standards of acceptable nursing,” who are “guilty of unprofessional conduct,” and who “[f]ail[] to maintain professional boundaries with patients,” 59 O.S.Supp.2014, § 567.8(B)(3), (7), (12). The action supplements a prior disciplinary proceeding involving these requirements by having the licensee undergo additional education to, ideally, prevent future violations and ensure patients receive uncompromised patient care.

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 of Oklahoma’s policy to protect the public health, welfare, and safety.

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E. SCOTT PRUITT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA