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IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD.  
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
EX REL. THE OKLAHOMA BOARD  
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE  
AND SUPERVISION,

Plaintiff,

v.

DEBRA DORLE, R.C.,  
R.C. LICENSE NO. 1224,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 99-03-2073

ORDER ACCEPTING SURRENDER  
OF LICENSE

This cause came on for hearing before the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (the "Board") on July 22-24, 1999, at the office of the Board, 5104 N. Francis, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, pursuant to notice given as required by law and the rules of the Board.

Elizabeth A. Scott, Assistant Attorney General, appeared for the Plaintiff and the Defendant appeared not.

The Board *en banc* after hearing arguments of counsel, reviewing the exhibits admitted and being fully apprised in the premises, found that there is clear and convincing evidence to support the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Orders:

*Findings of Fact*

1. The Board is a duly authorized agency of the State of Oklahoma empowered to license and oversee the activities of Respiratory Care Practitioners in the State of Oklahoma pursuant to 59 Okla. Stat. §§ 480 *et seq.* and 2026 *et seq.*
2. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter, and notice has been given in all respects in accordance with law and the rules of the Board.
3. Defendant, Debra Dorle, R.C., was issued Respiratory Care Practitioner license no. 1224 in the State of Oklahoma.

4. In October 1998, pursuant to the request of the hospital where she worked, Defendant entered into a drug treatment program with Greg Garabedian, PhD. Defendant continued this treatment through December 1998. Defendant had previously been treated for cocaine abuse in 1994 and 1995, and for methamphetamine abuse in 1998.

5. On January 13, 1999, the hospital where Defendant was employed obtained a drug screen from Defendant. This test showed positive levels for cocaine.

6. Based on the allegations stated above, Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct as follows:

- A. She is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits, or other causes of incompetency in violation of 59 Okla. Stat. §2040(2).
- B. She is addicted to, or has improperly obtained, possessed, used or distributed habit-forming drugs or narcotics in violation of 59 Okla. Stat. §2040(4).
- C. She has violated the following provisions of the rules promulgated by the Board under 59 Okla. Stat. §2040(9):
  - (1) Habitual or excessive use of any drug which impairs the ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety to the patient in violation of OAC 435:10-7-4(3).
  - (2) Conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public in violation of OAC 435:10-7-4(11).
  - (3) Inability to practice her profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of age, illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition in violation of OAC 435:10-7-4(40).

### *Conclusions of Law*

1. The Board has jurisdiction and authority over the Defendant and subject matter herein pursuant to the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act (the "Act") and its applicable regulations and the Respiratory Care Practice Act found at 59 O.S. §2026 et seq. The Board is authorized to enforce the Act and the Respiratory Care Practice Act as necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

2. Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct as follows:

- A. She is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits, or other causes of incompetency in violation of 59 Okla. Stat. §2040(2).
- B. She is addicted to, or has improperly obtained, possessed, used or distributed habit-forming drugs or narcotics in violation of 59 Okla. Stat. §2040(4).
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  - (1) Habitual or excessive use of any drug which impairs the ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety to the patient in violation of OAC 435:10-7-4(3).
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  - (3) Inability to practice her profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of age, illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition in violation of OAC 435:10-7-4(40).

3. Under 59 O.S. §2040, the Board may discipline licensees who are found guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined in 59 O.S. §480 et seq.

4. Subsequent to the filing of the subject Complaint and Citation by the Plaintiff, the Defendant offered to voluntarily surrender her license.

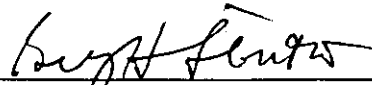
*Order*

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Board of Licensure and Supervision as follows:

1. Defendant Debra Dorle's surrender of her Respiratory Care Practitioner's license no. 1224 is hereby accepted based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law that she is guilty of unprofessional conduct.

2. Promptly upon receipt of an invoice for such charges, Defendant shall pay all costs of this action authorized by law, including without limitation, legal fees and investigation costs.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 1999.

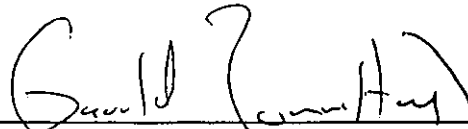


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Debra Dorle

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on the 22 day of July, 1999, I mailed, via first class mail, postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of this Order to Debra Dorle, 3314 Murray Ridge Road, San Diego, CA 92123.



Janet Owens