

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
Office of the Health Professions Bureau
402 West Washington Street, Room 041
Indianapolis, IN 46204

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 2:15p.m., and a quorum was declared in accordance with IC 25-23-1-5.

Members Present via conference call: Laurie F. Peters, R.N., Vice-President
Maurene E. Thomas, R.N., Member
Traci Little, Consumer Member
Mervin Helmuth, R.N., Member
Janis Shook, L.P.N., Member

Members Absent: Marsha M. King, R.N., President
Linda Mann, R.N., Member
Darla Jones, L.P.N., Secretary

Staff Present: Kristen Kelley, Board Director
Health Professions Bureau
Gordon White, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

Cynthia Charlene Thomas, RN, License No. 28145710, Cause No. 2001 NB 031

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension filed by the Office of the Attorney General. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Linda Merkl. Michelle Schenk, Director of Nursing for the Pediatrics Unit of St. Vincent Hospital and Gary Schoon, Investigator for St. Vincent Hospital, were sworn in as witnesses to testify for the State. Evidence was presented that showed that between the dates of August 17, 2001 and August 27, 2001, Respondent had removed twenty-five (25) vials of Fentanyl 5 mg, two (2) vials of Fentanyl 2 mg, four (4) vials of morphine 10mg, and three (3) partial vials of morphine. Respondent was going through orientation on the pediatric intensive care unit and was not involved in any patient care tasks on those dates. Respondent has also recently been arrested for presenting fraudulent prescriptions to a pharmacy. After having considered the evidence presented, the testimony of the witnesses and taking official note of this file in its matter, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Marsha M. King, R. N. President

Darla Jones, L.P.N., Secretary