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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

KS State Board of Healing Arts

In the Matter of)
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Elizabeth Lauren Kuehn, R.T.)
License No. 16-04032)
_____)

Docket Number: 14-HA00035

SUMMARY ORDER

NOW ON THIS 10th day of Sept, 2013, this matter comes before Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Executive Director, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts ("Board"), in summary proceedings pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537. This Summary Order shall become effective as a Final Order, without further notice, upon the expiration of the fifteen (15) day period if no request for hearing is made, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-542.

Upon review of the agency record and being duly advised in the premises, the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order are made for and on behalf of the Board:

1. Elizabeth Lauren Kuehn, R.T. ("Licensee"), RT 1 Box 342, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, 74072, is licensed to practice as a respiratory therapist in the State of Kansas, License No. 16-04032, and has been so licensed since February 8, 2011.
2. Pursuant to K.A.R. 100-55-6, Licensee's license to practice as a respiratory therapist in the State of Kansas expires on March 31 of each year. On or about March 31, 2013, Licensee submitted an application for licensure renewal.
3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-5512, K.A.R. 100-55-6, and K.A.R. 100-55-7, each licensee desiring to renew a respiratory therapy license must have completed at least twelve (12) contact hours of continuing education since April 1 of the previous year. Each licensee shall provide proof of satisfactory completion of the continuing education requirements to the Board upon request.

4. As part of the renewal process, Licensee certified that she had read the rules regarding the continuing education requirements and the Board's procedures for auditing continuing education compliance. Licensee further certified that she had achieved the completion of at least twelve (12) contact hours and that documentation of the completed continuing education would be maintained for a three-year period and produced to the Board upon request.

5. Licensee was randomly selected to provide verification of compliance with the continuing education requirements.

6. On or about June 3, 2013, a letter was mailed to Licensee requesting that Licensee provide, no later than July 3, 2013, the records relied upon when Licensee certified completion of the required continuing education.

7. On or about July 1, 2013, an email was sent to Licensee reminding them of the upcoming deadline of July 3, 2013, for submitting the continuing education.

8. On or about July 8, 2013, Licensee submitted copies of certificates for 6 hours of continuing education plus a copy of her ACLS card.

9. On or about July 9, 2013, a letter was sent to Licensee telling her that she had not received credit for the CPR course and would need to submit a timeline for the hours to be determined and she was short 6 hours.

10. On or about July 10, 2013, a certified letter was mailed to Licensee requesting that Licensee provide, no later than August 1, 2013, the records relied upon when Licensee certified completion of the required continuing education.

11. On or about July 12, 2013, Licensee signed for receipt of the certified letter.

12. On or about July 31, 2013, an email was sent to Licensee reminding her of the upcoming final deadline of August 1, 2013, for submitting the continuing education.

13. On or about August 7, 2013, the Board emailed and left a telephone message for Licensee regarding the audit.

14. Licensee failed to comply with the Board's request to provide documented evidence of compliance with the continuing education requirements by the deadline.

THE BOARD HEREBY CONCLUDES AS FOLLOWS:

15. By failing to provide documented evidence of completion of the continuing education requirements, Licensee violated K.S.A. 65-5510(a)(4) by violating any lawful order or rule and regulation of the Board. Specifically, Licensee violated K.A.R. 100-55-5(h) by failing to furnish to the Board, or to its investigators or representatives, any information legally requested by the Board.

16. In addition to any other penalty prescribed under the Respiratory Therapy Practice Act, K.S.A. 65-5510(c) authorizes the Board to assess a civil fine in an amount not exceeding \$5,000 for the first violation of the Respiratory Therapy Practice Act.

IT IS, HEREBY ORDERED BY THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS THAT:

17. Licensee is hereby assessed a CIVIL FINE for failure to comply with the Board's legal request for information.

18. Licensee is hereby ordered to pay the assessed CIVIL FINE pursuant to K.S.A. 65-5510(c) in the amount of **\$100.00**. The total amount of **\$100.00** shall be due on or before October 15, 2013.

19. Licensee shall make all payments payable to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts and send all payments to the attention of: Licensing Audit Coordinator, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A, Topeka, Kansas 66612.

20. Licensee shall complete 12 hours of continuing education and submit proof of completion to the Board within 90 days following service of this Summary Order.

21. Licensee's license shall be suspended for failure to provide proof of the continuing education requirements and/or payment of the fine within the timeframe specified above.

22. The Board shall maintain jurisdiction over this matter to issue any Order(s) deemed necessary and appropriate.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 10th DAY OF Sept, 2013, IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, STATE OF KANSAS.


Kathleen Selzler Lippert
Executive Director
Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

NOTICE OF RIGHTS
(Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-542)

Licensee is entitled to a hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537 and K.S.A. 77-542, the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act. If Licensee desires a hearing, Licensee must file a written request for a hearing with:

Kathleen Selzler Lippert
Executive Director
Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
800 SW Jackson
Lower Level – Suite A
Topeka, Kansas 66612

This request must be filed within fifteen (15) days from the date of service of this Order. If Licensee requests a hearing, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts will notify the Licensee of the time and place of the hearing and information on the procedures, right of representation, and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of the hearing, before commencement of the same.

If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated above, this Summary Order shall become effective as a Final Order upon the expiration of time for requesting a hearing, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-613. In the event Licensee files a petition for judicial review, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-613(e), the agency officer to be served on behalf of the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts is:

Kathleen Selzler Lippert
Executive Director
Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
800 SW Jackson
Lower Level – Suite A
Topeka, Kansas 66612

FINAL ORDER NOTICE OF RIGHTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this is a Final Order. A Final Order is effective upon service. A party to an agency proceeding may seek judicial review of a Final Order by filing a petition in the District Court as authorized by K.S.A. 77-601, *et seq.* Reconsideration of a Final Order is not a prerequisite to judicial review. A petition for judicial review is not timely unless filed within 30 days following service of the Final Order. A copy of any petition for judicial review must be served upon Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A, Topeka, KS 66612.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **FINAL ORDER** was served this 1st day of Oct., 2013 by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class, postage prepaid, and addressed to:

Elizabeth Lauren Kuehn RT
RT 1 Box 342
South Coffeyville, OK 74072

And a copy was hand-delivered to:

Katy Lenahan, Licensing Administrator
Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Office of the General Counsel
Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A
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And the original was filed with the office of the Executive Director.



Cathy Brown, Executive Assistant