

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

<b>FILED JUNE 19 2003 Kansas Board of Healing Arts</b>
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**In the Matter of** )  
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**SANDRA K. STEELE, D.O.** )  
**Kansas License No. 5-21248** )  
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**Docket No. 03-HA-0065**

**PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER**

**NOW ON THIS** Sixteenth Day of June 2003, comes on for hearing a Petition seeking discipline of the license of Sandra K. Steele, D.O., Respondent. Shelly R. Wakeman, Disciplinary Counsel, appears for the Petitioner Board. Respondent does not appear.

Based upon the prior record in this proceeding, and based upon the arguments of Board counsel, the Presiding Officer finds, concludes and orders as follows:

1. The Presiding Officer finds that the notice of hearing was mailed to the addresses that Respondent provided to the Board. The notice that was addressed to Respondent's office location was returned as undeliverable. As of the time of hearing, the other notices were not returned to the Board. The Board did receive a fax transmission prior to the hearing. That communication identified counsel for Respondent, but was not an entry of appearance by counsel. An attempt was made to contact the attorneys by telephone, but no contact was made. The Presiding Officer finds that Respondent had proper notice of this proceeding, and that she is in default by her non-appearance and failure to participate.

2. The Presiding Officer concludes that by Respondent's default, the factual allegations stated in the Petition are not disputed.

3. The Presiding Officer finds and concludes that Respondent has violated the healing arts act by failing to maintain a policy of professional insurance required by law and has failed to pay premium surcharges to the Kansas health care stabilization fund, as provided by K.S.A. 65-2836(y), (z); has failed to make patient records available to patients or to other licensed health care providers as provided by K.S.A. 65-2837(b)(20) and K.A.R. 100-22-1; and has failed to furnish Board representatives with information legally requested, as provided by K.S.A. 65-2836(r). Respondent has given all appearances that she has abandoned her patients without notice, and thus has committed acts of unprofessional conduct by engaging in conduct likely to harm patients, as provided by K.S.A. 65-2837(b)(12). There also are grounds to believe that Respondent has delegated professional discretion to persons who are not qualified or authorized to practice the healing arts, Respondent has failed to provide professional supervision to her physician assistant, and Respondent might have the inability to practice the healing arts with reasonable skill and safety due to impairment.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the license of Sandra K. Steele, D.O. is revoked.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that this is a Proposed Default Order. A party upon whom a proposed default order is served may file a written motion to vacate the proposed order within 7 days following service of the order. Any such motion must be filed with the Board's executive director at 235 S. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66603. If the order is not vacated, or if no motion requesting that the motion be vacated is timely filed, then the

proposed order becomes the Final Order of the Board upon the expiration of time for filing a motion to vacate.

**Dated this 18 Day of June 2003.**

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Howard D. Ellis, M.D.  
Presiding Officer

**Certificate of Service**

I certify that a true copy of the foregoing Proposed Default Order was served this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003 by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, and addressed to:

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and a copy was hand-delivered to the office of:

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\_\_\_\_\_/s/ Sheryl Snyder\_\_\_\_\_