

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING
STATE OF COLORADO**



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Case Nos. 2016-1376 and 2016-1698

**ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-4-104,
C.R.S.**

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS REGARDING THE
LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS A PROFESSIONAL NURSE IN THE STATE OF
COLORADO OF TASHA FAYE GRUBER, LICENSE NO. 0193274**

TO: TASHA GRUBER, R.N.

The State Board of Nursing ("Board"), Panel A, having conducted a full investigation as to the matters referenced below **HEREBY FINDS:**

1. Tasha Faye Gruber, R.N. ("Respondent") was licensed to practice as a professional nurse in the state of Colorado on or about December 3, 2009, being issued license number RN 0193274, and has been so licensed at all times relevant hereto.

2. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter herein.

3. On or about March 29, 2016, the Board considered information regarding the following conduct:

- a. On or about February and early March, 2016, Respondent was employed as a professional nurse at St. Frances Medical Center ("Frances Medical Center") in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- b. On February 28, 2016, an employee of Frances Medical Center observed Respondent slurring her words, being distracted and restless. Additionally, Respondent failed to chart under the OB postpartum flowsheet, appeared very jittery and did not seem to know what or where to chart.
- c. On or about March 2, 2016, Respondent agreed to undergo a for-cause drug screen. The drug screen was

conducted as Respondent was beginning her shift. The results of the drug screen were positive for Morphine, Amphetamine, D-Meth, L-Meth and Methamphetamine. Respondent had no valid prescriptions for Morphine or Amphetamine.

- d. Respondent has admitted to using illicit controlled substances.

4. Based upon the information obtained in the Board's investigation, objective and reasonable grounds exist to believe, and the Board so finds, that Respondent is guilty of deliberate and willful violation of Article 38, Title 12, C.R.S., (Nurse Practice Act) and/or the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective immediately upon signature by an authorized representative of the Board, the license to practice as a professional nurse of Tasha Faye Gruber, R.N., is summarily suspended pursuant to section 24-4-104(4), C.R.S., pending proceedings to determine whether Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse should be further disciplined in accordance with sections 12-38-116.5 and 12-38-117, C.R.S. Such proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined.

Pending the outcome of said proceedings, **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Tasha Faye Gruber, R.N., immediately cease, desist, and refrain from any further acts for which a license to practice as a professional nurse is required by the laws of the state of Colorado.

Dated and signed this 29th day of March, 2016.

FOR THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING



Georgia G. Roberts
Program Director