

IOWA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

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In the Matter of:	)	
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CHRISTINE BEDFORD,	)	CASE NO. 00-008, 00-012
License No. 270-01845	)	<b>STATEMENT OF CHARGES</b>
Respondent.	)	

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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

The Iowa Board Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 155, and 272C (2001).

Licenses issued by the Board are subject to the laws of the state of Iowa and to the administrative rules promulgated by the Board.

Respondent Christine Bedford was issued license number 270-01845 to practice as a nursing home administrator in the state of Iowa on May 12, 1995, as recorded in the permanent records in the office of the Board. Her license is current through December 31, 2003.

Respondent's current address as reported to the Board is 9730 Elmcrest Drive, Clive, IA 50325.

**COUNT I**

Respondent is charged with violating Iowa Code sections 155.18 and 272C.10(3) and the Board's administrative rule found at 645 IAC 144.1(3) by engaging in unethical conduct or practices harmful or detrimental to the public.

**COUNT II**

Respondent is charged with violating the Board's administrative rule found at 645 IAC 144.1(7) by committing willful or repeated violations of any statute, rule, or regulation regarding

a nursing home.

### **COUNT III**

Respondent is charged with violating the Board's administrative rule found at 645 IAC 144.1(8) by assisting, aiding, procuring, or advising an unlicensed person to practice nursing home administration.

### **CIRCUMSTANCES**

1. The Respondent is employed both at the Easton Health Center in Des Moines, Iowa, and at the City View Residential Facility in Des Moines, Iowa, in the capacity of Administrator.
2. While employed as Administrator for the Easton Health Center, Respondent knowingly made misleading, deceptive, untrue, and fraudulent representations while in the practice of nursing home administration and engaged in unethical conduct or practice harmful or detrimental to the public with regard to a Health Facilities investigation into criminal background checks to be completed by the facility.
3. While employed as Administrator for the Easton Health Center, Respondent committed willful or repeated violations of state and federal rules and regulations regarding a nursing home.
4. While employed as Administrator for the Easton Health Center, Respondent permitted a person without a current license to engage in actions for which a current license is required.
5. Respondent has engaged in conduct providing the Board with jurisdiction to take

disciplinary action pursuant to Iowa Code sections 155.18(3) and 272C.10(3), and 645 Iowa Administrative Code section 144.1(3).

### **FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

On October 3, 2002, the Iowa Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators found probable cause to file this Statement of Charges and to order that a hearing be set in this case.

**This Statement of Charges is approved by the board on October 4, 2002.**