

October 16, 2013

Ms. Summer Keasler

Re: Notice of Temporary Suspension of Certification and
AMCB Disciplinary Hearing

Dear Ms. Keasler:

The American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) has been notified of action taken upon your nursing and advanced practice licenses by the State of Tennessee. The charges included incompetent by reason of negligence, habits or other cause; addiction to alcohol or drugs to the degree of interfering with nursing duties; mental incompetence; unprofessional conduct; engaging in acts of dishonesty relating to the practice of nursing as well as failure to maintain accurate patient medical records. The Tennessee Board of Nursing found your misconduct so severe than in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare that your RN and Advanced Practice licenses were summarily suspended.

These charges and reprimand represent a possible violation of the AMCB's Discipline Policy (enclosed) under sections A.5 (Habitual use of alcohol or any other substance of abuse, or any physical or mental condition that impairs competent and objective professional performance), A.7 (Limitation or sanction by a federal, state or private licensing board, administrative agency, association or health care organization relating to public health or safety, or midwifery practice) and A.9 (Engaging in conduct which is inconsistent with professional standards, including but not limited to (i) any practice that creates unnecessary danger to a patient's life, health or safety; and (ii) any practice that is contrary to the ethical conduct appropriate to the profession that results in termination or suspension from practice. Actual injury to a patient or the public need not be shown under this provision) thereof.

Pursuant to section II A.5 of the AMCB's Discipline Policy, we are enforcing a temporary suspension of your AMCB Certification effective immediately, to continue through the final AMCB Discipline Review Process. During this period of suspension, you may not practice

**as a CNM and may no longer represent yourself as a current AMCB Certificant.
Notification of this temporary suspension will be sent to the Tennessee Board of Nursing.**

In accordance with the Disciplinary Policy, a Discipline Review committee is being appointed to complete a full review of this matter and to render a decision whether a violation of AMCB's Discipline Policy has occurred and if so, to recommend what sanction, if any, is warranted. You will be notified of the composition of the Review Committee within the next 30 days.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, you are required to show cause in writing why AMCB should not impose discipline for above-described possible violations. Your statement and any accompanying documentation must be submitted to the AMCB office located at 849 International Drive, Suite 120, Linthicum, MD 21090 by traceable mail or by electronic mail sent to dsmith@amcbmidwife.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cara Krulewitch', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cara Krulewitch, CNM, PhD, FACNM
President, AMCB Board of Directors