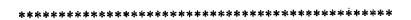
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING





AGREED

License Number 98915

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issued to CHARLOTTE Y. REECE JONES

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CHARLOTTE Y. REECE JONES, Vocational Nurse License Number 98915, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Art. Article 4528c sec 10(9) (effective 9/1/1985) and Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10)(effective 9/1/2007), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on March 22, 2012, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- 2. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Nursing from Texarkana Community College, Texarkana, Texas, on August 30, 1982. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 13, 1982.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

6/2000 - Present

Private Duty LVN
PSA Healthcare

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Dallas, Texas

08/2004 - 10/18/2011

Private Duty LVN

Maxim Healthcare Services

Dallas, Texas

10/2011 - Present

Private Duty LVN Viva Pediatrics Dallas, Texas

- 6. On or about September 19, 2005, Respondent was issued the sanction of FINE by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated September 19, 2005 is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 7. On or about April 13, 1993, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to CREDIT CARD ABUSE (2 counts), (a Felony offense committed on February 18, 1992), in the 5th District Court, Bowie County, Texas, under Cause No. D-5-CR-92-600. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent was deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of ten (10) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- 8. On or about November 8, 1993, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and Respondent was convicted of THEFT 200/750 (a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on April 8, 1993), in the District Court, Bowie County, Texas, under Cause No. D-5-MR-93-1292. Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Bowie County Jail for a period of thirty (30) days: however, the imposition of sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- 9. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Seven (7), Respondent states that she admits she is the individual who was arrested for each of the offenses identified. Respondent was subsequently placed on deferred probation for a period of ten years on March 19, 1993 in Cause No. 92F0600-005 to make reparations for the felony arrests, and placed on misdemeanor probation for a period of one year on November 8, 1993 in Cause No. 93M1292-CCL to make reparations for the misdemeanor theft. Respondent states she realizes that she cannot change the past to choose not to commit the offenses for which she was placed on probation or immediately report the offenses to the Board of Nursing as required. Respondent is prepared to accept the decision of the Board and Executive Director with respect to her offenses. She acknowledges that because of her bad decisions, for there is no one else to blame, that she has now placed herself at the mercy of the Board, and can only ask for leniency as the Board considers the nature and extent of her punishment.

10. On or about March 31, 2009, Respondent submitted a License Renewal Form to the Texas Board of Nursing in which Respondent provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that Respondent answered "No" to the question:

"Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:

- A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
- B. been convicted of a felony?
- C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
- D. received deferred adjudication?
- E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
- F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
- G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
- H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
- I. been <u>cited</u> or charged with any violation of the law?
- J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgement/punishment/action?"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about February 18, 2009, Respondent was arrested by the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office Fort Worth, for HARASSMENT (a Class B Misdemeanor offense).

On or about June 9, 2009, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to HARASSMENT, (a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on January 22, 2009), in the County Criminal Court Number Ten, Tarrant County, Texas, under Case No. 1147501. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

In response to Findings of Fact Number Nine (9), Respondent states that she acknowledges that there is no excuse for her failing to report this matter to the Texas Board of Nursing. However, her failure to report this matter is due in large part to the fact that she has committed no crime. The fact that the mortgage company continues to maintain her on their marketing lists and send her various brochures serves only to reinforce her position-that this was a civil matter, and not a criminal matter. Respondent understands that the commission of the offenses, and her failure to report them to the Board, are in violation of the rules and the regulations related to her licensure as a nurse. Respondent is with great trepidation, therefore prepared to accept the decision of the Board and Executive Director.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violations of Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(9) (effective 9/1/1985) and Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10)(effective 9/1/2007), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. Code §239.11(28)(effective through 9/1/1993) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. Code §217.12(6)(I)&(13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 98915, heretofore issued to CHARLOTTE Y. REECE JONES, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 Tex. ADMIN. Code §211.1 et seq. and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse

licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.
- (2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension. In order

to receive credit for completion of this program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(\$500) dollars. RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWELVE (12) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) OR A VOCATIONAL NURSE (LVN) LICENSE, AS APPROPRIATE, WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge,

if any, to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.

- (5) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- (6) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to immediately submit any and all incident, counseling, variance, unusual occurrence, and medication or other error reports involving RESPONDENT, as well as documentation of any internal investigations regarding action by RESPONDENT, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office.
- (7) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Registered Nurse or Licensed Vocational Nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State

of Texas and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 4 day of April , 20 12.

CHARLOTTE Y. REECE JONES, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of April , 20 13.

SEAL MATLING

Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

Approved as to form and substance.

Mark R. Adams, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 4 day of April , 2012.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 4th day of April, 2012, by CHARLOTTE Y. REECE JONES, Vocational Nurse License Number 98915, and said Order is final.

Effective this _7th _ day of _ May _, 20_12.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf of said Board

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of License Number 98915
Issued to: CHARLOTTE Y. REECE JONES

AGREED

§ ORDER

On this day, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CHARLOTTEY. REECE JONES, License Number 98915, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Sections 301.303 and 301.452(b)(1), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Texas Administrative Code, ch. 237.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice, hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order offered by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, on behalf of the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these
 Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to
 show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
- Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- Respondent failed to make full and timely compliance with the Board's requirements for continuing education for the period ending 04/2005.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. Evidence received was sufficient to prove violation of Sections 301.303 and 301.452(b)(1), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Texas Administrative Code §237.14.
- 4. Respondent's failure to comply with Continuing Education requirements is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against License Number 98915, heretofore issued to CHARLOTTE Y. REECE JONES, including revocation of Respondent's vocational license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

TIS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a Fine in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, Annotated, as amended, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Vocational Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 Texas Administrative Code, §211.01 et seq., and this Order.

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Signed this 28 day of August 2005.

CHARDOTTE Y. REECE JONES, Respondent

Signed this 19th day of September , 20 05.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN

Executive Director

on behalf of said Board