

## BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse

§ AGREED

License Number 683665

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issued to MA CORAZON SABADO DOMINE

ORDER

An investigation by the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, produced evidence indicating that MA CORAZON SABADO DOMINE, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, Registered Nurse License Number 683665, may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code.

An informal conference was held on March 6, 2012, at the office of the Texas Board of Nursing, in accordance with Section 301.464 of the Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent appeared in person. Respondent was represented by Joyce Stamp Lilly, R.N., J.D., P.C., Attorney at Law. In attendance were Melinda Hester, DNP, RN - Lead Consultant for Practice, Executive Director's Designee; Ramona Gaston McNutt, BSN - Consultant for Nursing Practice; Kyle Hensley, Assistant General Counsel; John Griffith, Assistant Attorney General; Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ, Director, Enforcement Division; and Kathy Duncan, RN, Investigator.

#### **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, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate in Degree in Nursing from Quezon City Medical Center and Colleges, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines, on March 1, 1995. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on January 29, 2002.

5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

04/1995 - 05/1995	Unknown	
06/1995 - 01/1996	ICU/CCU RN	Quezon City Medical Center Quezon City, Metro Manilla, Philippines
02/1996 - 06/1999	Unknown	
07/1999 - 07/2001	Registered Nurse	Dr. Soliman Fakeeh Hospital Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
08/2001- 06/2002	Unknown	
07/2002 - 10/2004	Registered Nurse	Philippine Heart Center Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines
11/2004 - 07/2005	Unknown	
08/2005 - 01/2010	Registered Nurse	St. Joseph Hospital Bryan, Texas
02/2010 - 03/2010	Unknown	
04/2010 - 08/2010	RN	Abundant Home Health Arlington, Texas
08/2010 - 09/2011	RN	Kindred Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
10/2011 - 11/2011	Unknown	
12/2011 - 02/2012	RN	Petaluma Post Acute Rehabilitation Petaluma, California
03/2012 - Present	Unknown	

- 6. At the time of the incidents, Respondent was employed as a RN with St. Joseph Hospital, Bryan, Texas, and had been in this position for four (4) years and five (5) months.
- 7. On or about December 30, 2009, while employed as a Registered Nurse with St. Joseph Regional Health Center, Bryan, Texas, Respondent inserted a Dobhoff external feeding tube into Patient Medical Record Number J00023781610, without first having the experience and skills to safely perform the procedure, and without obtaining assistance from another nurse experienced and skilled in the procedure. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient

- unnecessarily to a risk of harm from improper placement of the Dobhoff external feeding tube such as aspiration, sepsis and possible demise.
- In response to the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7), Respondent states that 8. she has taken this allegation and incident very seriously, and she wants to confirm to the Texas Board that she does take responsibility for her actions, and knows that she made an error in her treatment decision. Not to lessen her responsibility, she also wants to stress that she has never had an incident like this happen before in her practice. She values the nursing care she gives to her patients. Not to lessen her own professional responsibility, she would also like to state that the nursing staff at St. Joseph's Hospital never received any in-services or training on tube insertions. Respondent states that she did measure the Dobhoff line correctly and checked bowel sounds to confirm placement of the tube. That according to the evaluations done for Respondent at St. Joseph's in March of 2007, her clinical skills were scored as "consistently meets expectations", that according to the evaluations done for Respondent at St. Joseph's in May of 2008, her clinical skills were scored as "consistently meets and/or is above expectations", and that according to the evaluations done for Ms. Domine at St. Joseph's in April of 2009, her clinical skills were scored as "consistently above expectations". Respondent would like to stress to the Texas Board of Nursing that she has learned a very large lesson from this incident. She has learned that if she does not know about a procedure, she will not rely on the opinions of others, but will search, first in the literature and then in policies and procedures to clarify any questions she may have.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.455, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A),(1)(C),(1)(D),(1)(G),(1)(H), (1)(M),(1)(P),(1)(R),(1)(T) and 217.12(1)(E)&(4).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 683665, heretofore issued to MA CORAZON SABADO DOMINE, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

#### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas

Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a REPRIMAND 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: <a href="http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in physical assessment. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The didactic portion of this course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. RESPONDENT SHALL perform physical assessments on live patients in a clinical setting for a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of physical assessment only and shall be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of physical assessment only and shall be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. To be approved, the course shall cover all systems of the body. Performing assessments on mock patients or mannequins WILL NOT be accepted. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course to satisfy this stipulation. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor 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: <a href="http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

(3) 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: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

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 TWO (2)YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWENTY-FOUR (24) 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(s). 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(s). 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) For the first year of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Direct supervision requires another nurse, as applicable, to be working on the same unit as RESPONDENT and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. RESPONDENT SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). The RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- (7) For the remainder of the stipulation/probation period, RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises.

The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(8) 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 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 two (2) year(s) 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.

### **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 violation 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 22<sup>rd</sup> day of MARCH, 2012.

Ma Conagor L. Pomis

MA CORAZON SABADO DOMINE, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of March 2012.

**SEAL** 

KAYLENE FULLMER
Commission # 1945344
Notary Public - California
Sonoma County
My Comm. Expires Jul 24, 2015

Notary Public in and for the State of California

Approved as to form and substance.

Kaylene Kellneer

Joyce Stamp Lilly, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 28 day of Mach, 20/2

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2012, by MA CORAZON SABADO DOMINE, Registered Nurse License Number 683665, and said Order is final.

Effective this 7th day of May, 2012.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board