

## BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 620551 issued to GRACE NANDAWULA MUSOKE

AGREED

§ ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of GRACE NANDAWULA MUSOKE, Registered Nurse License Number 620551, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on February 23, 2012, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director.

#### **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 representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed 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 Degree in Nursing from Texas Women's University, Denton, Texas, on May 1, 1995. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 18, 1995.
- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about September 30, 2000, Respondent submitted a RN License Renewal Form to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Since the

issuance or last renewal of your RN license, have you been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation?"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about April 1, 1999, Respondent pled Guilty and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on October 15, 1998, in the County Criminal Court No. 1 of Tarrant County, Texas, under Cause No. 0710144.

7. On or about August 21, 2006, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document Registered Nurse to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you ever been arrested, convicted, placed on community supervision whether or not adjudicated guilty, sentenced to serve jail time or granted pre-trial diversion, or plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, or received a court order whether or not on appeal (excluding minor Class C traffic violations)? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without a finding of guilty. Please note that DUIs, DWIs, and PIs must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. One time minor in possession [MIP] or minor in consumption [MIC] does not need to be disclosed; therefore, you may answer "No." If you have two or more MIPs or MICs, you must answer "Yes." You may answer "No" if you have previously disclosed a criminal matter otherwise responsive to the question in a renewal and/or licensure form."

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about March 7, 2006, Respondent was arrested by the Keller Police Department, Keller, Texas, for ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJURY FAMILY MEMBER, a Class A misdemeanor offense, and that the charges were still pending at time of Renewal.

8. On or about August 14, 2008, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document Registered Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she 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 judgment/punishment/action?"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about January 8, 2007, Respondent pled Guilty to ASSAULT-CONTACT, a misdemeanor offense committed on February 6, 2006, in the County Criminal Court No. 5 of Tarrant County, Texas, under Cause No. 1016633. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt.

9. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6), Seven (7), and Eight (8), Respondent states she takes full responsibility for not disclosing the offenses on her renewals. She now knows better to adhere to the Nursing Practice Act.

### 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 Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(23)(eff. 09/01/1999), and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I)(eff. after 09/28/2004).
- 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 620551, heretofore issued to GRACE NANDAWULA MUSOKE, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

#### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION AND A FINE, 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 State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

## IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) 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.
- (2) 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 <u>not</u> 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>.

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 waive representation by counsel. 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 when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, 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 // day of May, 2012.

Signed this // day of May, 2012.

GRACE NANDAWULA MUSOKE, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ Man

JOHNNA MCVEIGH Commission Expires

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONS	IDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of
the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and	adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the
<u>11th</u> day of <u>May</u> , 20 <u>12</u>	, by GRACE NANDAWULA MUSOKE,
Registered Nurse License Number 620551, and sai	d Order is final.



Effective this 22nd day of May, 20 12.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board

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