BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse

§ AGREED

License Number 673652

§

issued to GREGORY ALLAN KEATING

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of GREGORY ALLAN KEATING, Registered Nurse License Number 673652, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on April 12, 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 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 an Associate Degree in Nursing from Tarrant County Junior College, Fort Worth, Texas, on May 1, 2000. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on November 7, 2000.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

11/2000-12/2000

Unknown

1/2001-5/2004

RN

Texas Health Harris Methodist HEB Hospital

Bedford, Texas

xecutive Director of the Board

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

8/2009-Present

RN

Baylor Grapevine Regional Medical Center Grapevine, Texas

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a RN with Baylor Grapevine Regional Medical Center, Grapevine, Texas, and had been in this position for one (1) year and six (6) months.
- 7. On or about February 16, 2011, while employed with Baylor Regional Medical Center, Grapevine, Texas, Respondent failed to intervene or document intervention provided to Patient LJM, who was undergoing rapid detoxification. Respondent failed to administer Ativan and/or Haldol as ordered by the patient's physician after he noted the patient to be agitated, restless, hallucinating and incoherent. When the patient's sister expressed her concern for the patient's privacy and safety to Respondent, after she discovered the patient lying naked in her bed except for a Posey Vest Restraint, Respondent redressed the patient and covered her with a sheet. Respondent failed to document in the medical record the use of the Posey Vest Restraint or if hourly rounds had been completed for the patient during his shift. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm in that he was not attentive to the patient's safety and subsequent care givers would rely on his documentation to provide further care.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that he received report on the patient at around 7a.m. and he was told that the patient was going through detoxification and that a Posey vest was on the patient to prevent the patient from harming herself. Respondent states that, with the help of the Patient Care Technicians (PCA), every effort was made to maintain the privacy and dignity of the patient, including using the privacy curtain in the room and re-positioning and re-dressing the patient several times through the day. Respondent states that medications appropriate to the patient's condition, including anti-psychotic or anti-anxiety drugs were administered throughout the shift as well. Respondent states that during the afternoon he was approached by the sister of the patient who asked him why her sister was in her room naked and in a Posey. Respondent states that he and the patient's sister went into the patient's room to speak and that he noted, as he entered the room, that the privacy curtain was closed, blocking the view of the patient from the hallway and the window blinds were closed. Respondent states that he and the PCA replaced the patient's gown and sheet on her bed.

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 violation of Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(D),(1)(M)&(3)(A).
- 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 673652, heretofore issued to GREGORY ALLAN KEATING, 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 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, 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.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in medication administration. 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. The didactic portion of this course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course shall contain a minimum twenty-four (24) hour clinical component which is to be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. In order for the course to be approved, the course's content shall include: a review of proper 673652:147

administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the five (5) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. 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: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing documentation. 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. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length of classroom time. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL cause the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Board's office 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.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(4) 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.

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 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 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 31st day of May, 2012.

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GREGORY ALLAN KEATING, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31St day of Muy, 2012.

Notary Public, State of Taxas My Commission Expires Fabruory 09, 2014

Approved as to form and substance.

Adam J. Williams, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 31^{57} day of 4, 20/2

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 31st day of May, 2012, by GREGORY ALLAN KEATING, Registered Nurse License Number 673652, and said Order is final.



Effective this 31st day of May, 2012.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board