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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse

§ AGREED

License Number 167062

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issued to CHRISTI JEANNINE MILLER

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CHRISTI JEANNINE MILLER, Vocational Nurse License Number 167062, 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 April 13, 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Texas State Tech College, Sweetwater, Texas, on February 20, 1998. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on March 20, 1998.
- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about November 4, 2002, Respondent pled Nolo Contendere and was convicted of the lesser charge of ISSUANCE OF A BAD CHECK, a Class C misdemeanor offense committed on or about December 21, 2000, in the County Court at Law No. 2, Taylor County, Texas, under Cause No. 28527.

I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.

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7. On or about May 7, 2004, Respondent submitted a License Renewal to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which Respondent provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question:

"Were you convicted of a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation since your last renewal?"

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about November 4, 2002, Respondent pled Nolo Contendere and was convicted of the lesser charge of ISSUANCE OF A BAD CHECK, a Class C misdemeanor offense committed on or about December 21, 2000, in the County Court at Law No. 2, Abilene, Texas, under Cause No. 28527.

8. In Response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Seven (7), Respondent states: she lived in both Midland and Abilene and worked in the surrounding areas of both towns through the years. Respondent received mail in both towns and her fiance was the one handling all business with the mail, finances, etc. He was also suppose to keep Respondent's checks in the bank and all her bills paid. Respondent was working a lot of crazy hours and was traveling back and forth and had put all of her trust into her 6 year long relationship. Respondent also states that she ran on cash money most of the time and never checked the mail.

# **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)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §239.11(8)(eff. 2/1/2004).
- 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 167062, heretofore issued to CHRISTI JEANNINE MILLER, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

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 two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). 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.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.texas.gov/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 //// , 20/2.  CHRISTI JEANNINE MILLER, Respondent
Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of
MELINDA FOREST Notary Public, State of Texas My Commission Expires Notary Public in and for the State of

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012, by CHRISTI JEANNINE MILLER, Vocational Nurse License Number 167062, and said Order is final.



Effective this 14th day of June, 2012.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board