

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse § AGREED
License Number 712048 §
issued to ANGELA JENICE FARRER § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of ANGELA JENICE FARRER, Registered Nurse License Number 712048 hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on June 12, 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 representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent holds a license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, which is currently in inactive status.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Spencerian College, Louisville, Kentucky, on September 1, 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on December 31, 2004.
5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

01/04 - 05/04

RN

Norton Healthcare
Louisville, Kentucky

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.

Patricia A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

06/04 - 01/06	Unknown	
02/06 - 06/06	RN	Briarcliff Health Center Tyler, Texas
09/06 - 08/07	RN	Transitions Dallas, Texas
08/06 - 07/08	RN	Maxim Healthcare Tyler, Texas
07/08 - Unknown	RN	Capstone Healthcare Staffing Tyler, Texas
Present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a registered nurse with Maxim Healthcare, Tyler, Texas, and had been in this position for one (1) year and five (5) months.
7. On or about January 14, 2008, while employed with Maxim Healthcare Staffing and Home Health, Tyler, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas in that she was discovered at home, on the floor, curled up with jerking movements and yelling. Respondent was subsequently transferred to the Mother Frances Hospital Emergency Department, Tyler, Texas, where she provided a specimen for a toxicology screen which resulted positive for the presence of amphetamines. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states:

"These signs and symptoms indicated the existence of an medical condition that was later diagnosed. My toxicology specimen was obtained and results were given. I was only taken medications prescribed to me and taking them as ordered."
9. On or about April 15, 2010, while employed and on duty at East Texas Medical Center Specialty Hospital, Tyler, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas in that she experienced a seizure and was admitted to the Mother Frances Hospital Emergency Department, Tyler, Texas, where she was diagnosed with new.

onset seizures. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

10. In response to Finding of Fact Number Nine (9), Respondent states:

"I was diagnosed with seizures at this time as well as being treated for acute seizure activity."

11. On or about June 7, 2010, while employed with East Texas Medical Center Specialty Hospital, Tyler, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she filed a false report with the Tyler Police Department and exhibited impaired behavior, including but not limited to: slurred speech, inability to maintain a "train-of-thought," and inability to verbally communicate the names of current medications. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

12. In response to Finding of Fact Number Eleven (11), Respondent states:

"I have never been charged with filing a false report, nor have the police ever indicated such to me. The impaired behavior can be reviewed in my medical record and is indicative of seizure activity or a post ictal state that I feel was not properly diagnosed or recognized. The information in the police report was not false and was exactly what I remember happening. I was contacted by the police approximately a week later and asked if I wish to pursue charges or investigation of the report. I declined at that time because my memory of the incident was poor, which is very common in seizure activity and/or postictal states."

13. Formal Charges were filed on October 26, 2011.

14. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on October 27, 2011.

15. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her willingness to have the license(s) placed in inactive status upon successfully completing the terms of this Order.

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)(9),(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(4),(5)&(10)(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 712048, heretofore issued to ANGELA JENICE FARRER, 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 WARNING, 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, RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas shall be placed in INACTIVE status.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, should RESPONDENT decide in the

future to reactivate her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete a Board approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics, and RESPONDENT SHALL submit verification of having successfully completed the course with any application(s) filed to reactivate her license(s). The course must be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements required for the Respondent's application for reactivation of licensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address:*
<http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order.

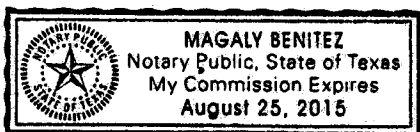
I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that 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. I further understand that, should I decide in the future to reactivate my license(s), I will be required to satisfy all then existing requirements for reactivation, including, at a minimum, the stipulated requirements of this Order had the license(s) not been placed in inactive status.

Signed this 13th day of June, 2012.

Angela Jenice Farrer
ANGELA JENICE FARRER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13 day of June, 2012.

SEAL



[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 13th day of June, 20 12, by ANGELA JENICE FARRER, Registered Nurse License Number 712048, and said Order is final.

Effective this 19th day of July, 20 12.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katherine A. Thomas", written over a horizontal line.

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