BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of Vocational Nurse

AGREED

License Number 159940

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issued to SHAUNA JOY TURNER

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of SHAUNA JOY TURNER, Vocational Nurse License Number 159940 hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on April 27, 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 is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Nursing from Blinn College At Bryan, Bryan, Texas on August 15, 1996. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 2, 1996.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

09/1995 to 09/2001

Staff LVN

St Joseph Hospital Bryan, Texas

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Executive Director of the Board

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

09/2001 to 09/2003

Staff LVN

ATC Healthcare

Fort Worth, Texas

09/2003 to 09/2004

Staff LVN

Cook Children's Hospital

Fort Worth, Texas

02/2004 to 11/2008

Staff LVN

Dallas Stafflink

Dallas, Texas

11/2008 to Present

Unknown

- 6. At the time of the incidents described in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through Eleven (11), Respondent was employed as a Vocational Nurse with Dallas Stafflink, Dallas, Texas, and assigned to Methodist Health System, Dallas, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately four (4) years.
- 7. On or about November 19, 2008 through November 20, 2008, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Dallas Stafflink, Dallas, Texas, and assigned to Methodist Health System, Dallas, Texas, Respondent withdrew Hydrocodone from the Medication Dispensing System (Omnicell) for patients in excess frequency/dosage of the physicians' orders as follows:

DATE	PATIENT	PHYSICIAN'S ORDERS	OmniCell RECORDS	MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION RECORDS	NURSES' NOTES	WASTAGE
11/19/2008	MR#DU00712298	Norco po 5/325mg 1-2 tabs every 4 hrs prn pain	Withdrew Hydrocodon e 5/325 x 2 @ 0757 0929 0929 0954 0955 & 1112	Documented 2 tabs given @ 0956	Documented by Respondent @ 0850 as "No pain".	None
11/20/2008	MR#DU00259595	Norco po 7.5mg ii po every 4 hrs prn breakthrough pain	Withdrew Hydrocodon e/Acetamino phen 7.5/325mg x 2 @ 0742 0742 0930 0931 & 0957	Documented 2 tabs given @ 1142	Documented 2 tabs given @ 0700	None .

Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that the administration of Norco/Hydrocodone in excess frequency and/or dosage of the physician's order could result in the patient suffering from adverse reactions.

On or about November 19, 2008 through November 20, 2008, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Dallas Stafflink, Dallas, Texas, and assigned to Methodist Health System, Dallas, Texas, Respondent withdrew Hydrocodone from the Medication Dispensing System (Omnicell) for patients but failed to document, or accurately document the administration, including signs, symptoms and responses to the medications in the patients' Medication Administration Records and/or nurse's notes as follows:

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Respondent's conduct above was likely to injure the patients in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patient which could result in an overdose.

9. On or about November 19, 2008 through November 20, 2008, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Dallas Stafflink, Dallas, Texas, and assigned to Methodist Health System, Dallas, Texas, Respondent withdrew Hydrocodone from the Medication Dispensing System (Omnicell) for patients but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedures for wastage of any of the unused portions of the medications as follows:

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Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).

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- 10. On or about November 19, 2008 through November 20, 2008, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Dallas Stafflink, Dallas, Texas, and assigned to Methodist Health System, Dallas, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Hydrocodone from the facility and the patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation in that Respondent admitted to removing Hydrocodone for her own personal use due to her fear of running out of her prescription Hydrocodone. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.
- On or about November 20, 2008, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Dallas Stafflink, Dallas, Texas, and assigned to Methodist Health System, Dallas, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Norpropoxyphene in that Respondent submitted a specimen for a drug screen that resulted positive for Norpropoxyphene @ >4,000ng/ml. Unlawful possession of Norpropoxyphene is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Norpropoxyphene by a Vocational Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
- 12. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through (11), Respondent states she admits to removing extra Hydrocodone but the extras were due to her being very busy and all the nurses withdrew extra meds so they would not have to return to the Pyxis each time their patients requested pain medications. Respondent further states she had a prescription for Hydrocodone and had a fear of running out of her prescribed medication.
- 13. Charges were filed on January 5, 2012.
- 14. Charges were mailed to Respondent on January 6, 2012.

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)&(13), Texas Occupations Code and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(B),(C)&(D),and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A), (B)&(C), (4), (6)(A)&(G), (8), (10)(A), (10)(B), (10)(C)&(11)(B).
- 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 159940, heretofore issued to SHAUNA JOY TURNER, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a WARNING 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 <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

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. 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 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

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 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, 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 ONE (1) YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWELVE (12) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF

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) 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.
- (7) 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 one (1) year of employment as a nurse.
- (8) RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed, RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the licensed practitioner to submit a written report identifying the medication, dosage and the date the medication was prescribed. The report shall be submitted directly to the office of the Board by the prescribing practitioner, within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription. In the event that prescriptions for controlled substances are required for periods of two (2) weeks or longer, the Board may require and RESPONDENT SHALL submit to a pain management and/or chemical dependency evaluation by a Board approved evaluator. The performing evaluator must submit a written report meeting the Board's requirements to the Board's office within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.
- (9) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol. For the first three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per week. For the next three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month. For the next six (6) month period,

random screens shall be performed at least once per month. All random screens SHALL BE

conducted through urinalysis. Screens obtained through urinalysis are the sole method accepted by the Board.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances:

Amphetamines

Meperidine

Barbiturates

Methadone

Benzodiazepines

Methaqualone

Cannabinoids

Opiates

Cocaine

Phencyclidine

Ethanol

Propoxyphene

tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)

A Board representative may appear at the RESPONDENT'S place of employment at any time during the stipulation period and require RESPONDENT to produce a specimen for screening.

All screens shall be properly monitored and produced in accordance with the Board's policy on Random Drug Testing. A complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each specimen obtained and analyzed. RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the stipulation period.

Any positive result for which the nurse does not have a valid prescription or failure to report for a drug screen, which may be considered the same as a positive result, will be regarded as non-compliance with the terms of this Order and may subject the nurse to further disciplinary action including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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 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.

Signed this 24th day of May, 2012...
SHAUNA JOY TURNER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of May, 2012

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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 24th day of May, 2012, by SHAUNA JOY

TURNER, Vocational Nurse License Number 159940, and said Order is final.

Effective this 19th day of July, 2012.



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

I certify this to be a true copy of the records on file with the Texas Board of Nursing.

Date: 7 23 17