### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse

§ AGREED

License Number 204507

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issued to KIMBERLY ANN OWEN

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of KIMBERLY ANN OWEN, Vocational Nurse License Number 204507, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(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 March 29, 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 McClennan Community College, Waco, Texas, on December 8, 2005. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on June 20, 2006.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

06/2006 - 02/2008

Staff Nurse

Providence Park - St. Catherine's

Center

Waco, Texas

02/2008 - 09/2008

Staff Nurse

Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center

Waco, Texas

Executive Director of the Board

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

09/2008 - Unknown

Office Nurse

Hillcrest Family Health Center

Waco, Texas

02/2011 - Unknown

Office Nurse

East Texas Family Medicine

Palestine, Texas

At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a Nurse with, East Texas Family Medicine, Palestine, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately four (4) months.

- 7. On or about June 24, 2011, while employed as an Office Nurse with East Texas Family Medicine, Palestine, Texas, Respondent failed to document in Patient DRD's medical record that the patient presented to the clinic with a rash, or the instructions Respondent provided to the patient. Patient DRD had recently been prescribed Bactrim, an antibiotic medication, by one of the physicians, and her symptoms were subsequently diagnosed as an allergic reaction to Bactrim. Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate medical record, which was likely to harm the patient from care decisions based on incomplete information, including a possible allergic reaction to a medication.
- 8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that Patient DRD came into the office on a Friday morning and asked at the front desk if one of the physician's nurses could come to the front desk to speak with her. According to Respondent, the patient explained that she had been prescribed an antibiotic and was having a reaction, stretched out her arms to show Respondent that there were small red raised bumps on her forearms, and told Respondent that her arms itched. Respondent states that she instructed the patient to immediately stop taking the antibiotic, to use Benadryl cream on the rash, or to use oral Benadryl if she was having the itching at night because the Benadryl could cause drowsiness. Respondent explains that she also told the patient that if she began having symptoms such as fever or difficulty breathing, to obtain emergent treatment immediately. Respondent further states that she told Patient DRD to schedule an appointment with the physician for further evaluation if the rash did not appear to be improving by Monday.

# **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)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(D) and 217.12(1)(A)&(1)(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 204507, heretofore issued to KIMBERLY ANN OWEN, 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 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 <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: 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 nursing documentation. 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. 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: <a href="http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

(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: <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	
	KIMBERLY ANN OWEN, Respondent	
Sworn to and subscribed b	efore me this day of, 20	
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•	Notary Public in and for the State of	

WHERE	EFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of
the Texas Board of Nur	sing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the
day of	, 20, by KIMBERLY ANN OWEN, Vocational Nurse License
Number 204507, and s	aid Order is final.
	Effective this day of, 20
	Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
	Executive Director on behalf of said Board

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Signed this 29 day of Ocre, 2012

KIMBERLY ANN OWEN, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

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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 <a href="mailto:29th">29th</a> day of <a href="mailto:June">June</a>, 20 12, by KIMBERLY ANN OWEN, Vocational Nurse License Number 204507, and said Order is final.



Effective this 11th day of July, 2012.

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board