BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse

AGREED

License Number 141982

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issued to CARMEN VILLAREAL

§ ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the B considered the matter of CARMEN VILLAREAL, Vocational Nurse License Number 141982, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ART. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(2)&(9)(eff. date 9/1/1985), and Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on December 2, 2011, 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from St. Philips College, San Antonio, Texas, on January 4, 1993. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 25, 1993.
- 5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about January 19, 1993, Respondent submitted an Application for Licensure by Examination to the Texas Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you ever been convicted and/or pled guilty to a felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation?

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about July 21, 1992, Respondent pled Guilty to CREDIT CARD ABUSE, a felony offense committed on January 17, 1992, in the District Court, Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 92-CR-3551.

7. On or about April 24, 2006, Respondent submitted a License Renewal Form (Delinquent for over 90 days) to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrest (excluding minor traffic violations)? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without prejudice of guilt. Please note that DUI's, DWI's, PI's must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. (One time minor in possession [MIP] or minor in consumption [MIC] do not need to be disclosed, therefore, you may answer "No". If you have two or more MIP's or MIC's, you must answer "Yes".)

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about July 12, 2002, Respondent pled Guilty and was convicted of PETIT LARCENY, a Class 1 misdemeanor offense committed on July 3, 2002, in the Circuit Court, Arlington County, Virginia, under Case No. C02-2853.

8. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Seven (7), Respondent states: She recognizes the seriousness of her erroneous answers on her application for licensure renewal. She had misread the series of questions and applied the five (5) year standard of other questions to the entire list. Now that the error has been brought to her attention, she is concerned that her critical reading skills were below her normal standard. This lapse, plus the series of problems of early years, are being dealt with affirmatively.

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 Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(2)&(9)(eff. date 9/1/1985), and Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §231.81(6)(eff. 1/1/1985) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE

§217.12(6)(I).

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 141982, heretofore issued to CARMEN VILLAREAL, 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 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, 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.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(\$500). 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, 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 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. 1 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 IT day of Jahvary, 2012

CARMEN VILLAREAL Responden

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of January, 2012

DENISE GARCIA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
November 20, 2013

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

Marion W. Cain, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 17 day of January, 2012.

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 17th day of January, 20_12, by CARMEN VILLAREAL, Vocational Nurse License Number 141982, and said Order is final.



Effective this <u>18th</u> day of <u>January</u>, 20<u>12</u>.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board