BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse

AGREED

License Number 193167

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issued to LAURA TELLO

§ ORDER

hereby certify this to be a complete, inrate, and true copy of the document which in file or is of record in the offices of the as Board of Nursing.

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the E considered the matter of LAURA TELLO, Vocational Nurse License Number 193167, 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 October 28, 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 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 The United States Army Practical Nurse Course, San Antonio, Texas, on February 6, 2004. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on April 7, 2004.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

07/2008-03/2009

Staff Nurse

Shannon Medical Center

San Angelo, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

03/2009-08/2009

Staff Nurse

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Anchorage, Alaska

08/2009 - 05/2010

Staff Nurse

Baylor Family Health Center

Mesquite, Texas

06/2010 - Present

Unknown

- 6. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a Vocational Nurse with Baylor Family Health Center, Mesquite, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately nine (9) months.
- 7. On or about May 14, 2010, while employed with Baylor Family Health Center, Mesquite, Texas, Respondent failed to notify a physician telephonically that Patient Medical Records Number 3042498 called reporting Gastrointestinal (GI) problems, as instructed. Instead, Respondent notified the physician using a "telephone note." Subsequently, said patient presented to the clinic the next morning complaining of increased GI problems, and was transported to a hospital the same day. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm from medical complications as a result of the delay of urgently needed medical care for Patient Medical Records Number 3042498.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that the physician had been "checking" his computer all day, as he normally does. Respondent reports that she informed Patient Medical Records Number 3042498 that the physician, said patient's Primary Care Provider (PCP), was not in the office, and advised her that should her condition worsen, she may come in to the clinic the following morning where she could be examined by other physicians. In addition, Respondent reports advising Patient Medical Records Number 3042498 that she also had the option to go to an Emergency Room, but the patient answered that it was not warranted at the time. Respondent admits to failing to document her conversation with Medical Records Number 3042498.

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)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(B)&(1)(D). and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B)&(4).
- 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 193167, heretofore issued to LAURA TELLO, 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 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.
- (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 <u>not</u> 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:

http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

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 violation 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 Armory, 2012.

LAURA TELLO, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \(\frac{1}{2}\) day of \(\frac{\textsuperscript{2012}}{2012}\).

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BOBBIE HAIRE Notary Public in and for the State of 8-9-12



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

of said Board