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*Patricia P. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse                   §  
License Number 54166                                   §  
issued to LOLA ROCHELLE KNEIP                   §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 54166, issued to LOLA ROCHELLE KNEIP, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Galveston County Memorial Hospital School of Vocational Nursing, Galveston, Texas, on September 6, 1972. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 18, 1972.

4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1972	Unknown	
1973 - 1975	Staff Nurse	Powell's Nursing Home Texas City, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

1976 - 1984	Not employed in Nursing	
1985 - 1990	Staff Nurse	Manor Care LaMarque, Texas
1991 - 1994	Staff Nurse	Gulf Health Care Texas City, Texas
1995 - 2004	Staff Nurse	Mainland Medical Center Texas City, Texas
2005 - 2010	Staff Nurse	AMED Community Hospice Texas City, Texas
2010 - Present	Not employed in Nursing	

5. On or about February 21, 2010, while employed with AMED Community Hospice, Texas City, Texas, Respondent documented that Patient Medical Record Number F.H.9305 had been medicated eight (8) times when in fact it had only been twice. Furthermore, Respondent requested A.R., LVN, to do "creative charting" explaining that she did not want Continuous Care removed from this case. Patient Medical Record Number F.H.9305 was an 85 year old female, admitted to Regent Care Center in September 2008 with dementia and a declining condition. This patient was admitted to hospice services on February 2, 2010, and subsequently expired on February 23, 2010. Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate, incomplete medical record and exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation while providing further patient care.
6. In response to the Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent admits that she did exaggerate the number of times this patient was medicated but denies that she had documented medicating the patient 8 times. "I documented that I gave more medication than I really did, but only to keep the patient on Continuous Care as the patient was actively dying and I did not feel that the family would be comfortable if we were pulled off." Respondent asserts that the family wanted the hospice nurses there and the patient was kept comfortable because they were there. Respondent states that she wants it known that she never exceeded the physician's orders regarding the amount of medication given or the frequency.

In conclusion, Respondent states that at times they are removed from cases because the patients were "comfortable." Respondent states that, at the time she submitted her response, she was not employed and was not seeking employment. Additionally, Respondent states that, even though she renewed her nursing license, she has retired from nursing and will not be renewing her license again.

7. On January 9, 2012, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice vocational nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated January 5, 2012, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part 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 violations of Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(D)&(2)(A).
4. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
5. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
6. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC §§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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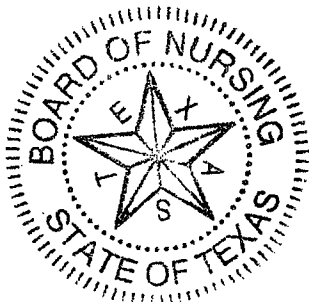
ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 54166, heretofore issued to LOLA ROCHELLE KNEIP, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title of vocational nurse or the abbreviation LVN or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 17th day of January, 2012.



TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:



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