# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 733643 issued to HEATHER ALAYNE WALLIS

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## ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 733643, issued to HEATHER ALAYNE WALLIS, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

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

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas is in delinquent status.
- 2. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from The University of Texas-Arlington, Arlington, Texas on December 8, 2005. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on September 12, 2006.
- 4. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.

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- 5. Formal Charges were filed on November 22, 2011. A copy of the Formal Charges is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
- 6. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on November 23, 2011.
- 7. On December 27, 2011, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's

- notarized statement, dated December 19, 2011, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 8. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
- 9. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.

## **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

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- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(8)(10)(E)&(11)(B).
- 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 Registered Nurse License Number 733643, heretofore issued to HEATHER ALAYNE WALLIS, to practice professional 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:

- RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title of 1. "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered 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; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
- Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing 3. 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 27th day of December, 2011.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

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

of said Board

HEATHER ALAYNE WALLIS 5824 Sugar Maple Drive Keller, Texas 76244-6714 Texas RN License #733643

Voluntary Surrender Statement

December 12, 2011

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a professional nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license/licenses to practice in Texas. I consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Date 12/19/2011

Texas Nursing License Number/s <u>733</u>043

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared HEATHER ALAYNE WALLIS who, being duly sworn by me, stated that she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that she understood same.

Sworn to before me the 1919 day of December, 2011.

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Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

In the Matter of Permanent License § BEFORE THE TEXAS
Number 733643, Issued to §
HEATHER ALAYNE WALLIS, Respondent § BOARD OF NURSING

#### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, HEATHER ALAYNE WALLIS, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 733643, which is in delinquent status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

#### CHARGE I.

On or about March 11, 2009, while employed with UNT Health, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent admitted to attempting to obtain an unauthorized prescription for Hydrocodone for her own personal use. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the pharmacy and possession of Hydrocodone through use of a unauthorized, fraudulent prescription is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10) Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(8),(10)(E),(11)(B).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder and for Fraud, Theft and Deception, which can be found at the Board's website, <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html">www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html</a>.

Filed this zand day of November, 20 11.

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