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BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSE EXAMINERS

STATE OF TEXAS

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BARBARA LYNNE BLACK

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

## AGREED BOARD ORDER

On this day came to be considered by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners the matter of vocational nurse license number 132489, held by BARBARA LYNNE BLACK, hereinafter called Respondent.

By letter, the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners sent preliminary notice to Respondent of its interpretable and disciplinary action with respect to said license held by Respondent, as a result of a complaint and subsequent investigation. Said investigation produced evidence indicating that Respondent has engaged in unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that, in the opinion of the Board, is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure the public, in violation of Article 4528c, Section 10 (a) (9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, in the following manner:

I.

a. On or about November 24, 1997, the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners received a written referral from the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) alleging that Respondent had withdrawn from participation in their program.

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II.

a. Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse at Methodist Women's and Children's Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, from about March 18, 1991, through about October 1, 1997.

b. While so employed with said facility on or about August 15, 1997, Respondent was observed by her nursing supervisor and coworkers to have the odor of ALCOHOL aboard her persons.

c. Subsequently, Respondent was requested to submit to a blood alcohol screen. Said screen revealed a positive reading for 0.04 blood alcohol.

By Respondent's signature on this Order, Respondent neither admits nor denies the truth of the matters previously set out in this Order with respect to the above mentioned investigation. By Respondent's signature on this Order, Respondent acknowledges that they have read and understood this Order and have approved it for consideration by the Board.

By their notarized signature on this Order, Respondent does hereby waive the right to a formal Complaint, Notice of Hearing and a Public Hearing held before an Administrative Law Judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings, and to judicial review of this disciplinary action. Notice of this disciplinary action will appear in the Board's newsletter sent to Texas employers.

## ORDER OF THE BOARD

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that license number 132489, heretofore issued to BARBARA LYNNE BLACK, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby suspended, with said suspension stayed and placed on probation for a period of one (1) year.

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The probation of said license is subject to the following stipulations, to wit:

- 1. That if Respondent's place of employment, name, address or telephone number changes, Respondent is to notify the Board office immediately, or no later than ten (10) days after said change has occurred. Said notification shall be in the form of a written letter or report.
- 2. That Respondent shall comply with Federal, State, and local laws, and all the provisions of the Vocational Nurse Act and Rules and Regulations of the Board.
- 3. That by copy of this Board Order, Respondent shall provide notice of Board disciplinary action to his/her <u>immediate nursing supervisor(s) and Director(s) of Nursing</u>, throughout the term of probation.
- 4. That Respondent shall be responsible for causing his/her <u>immediate nursing</u> <u>supervisor(s)</u> to submit satisfactory reports directly to the Board office on a quarterly basis, throughout the term of probation. The receipt of an unfavorable and/or untimely report shall be considered a violation of probation.
- 5. That <u>any period(s) of nursing unemployment</u> must be documented in writing by Respondent and submitted to the Board office, as provided in Stipulation No. four (4).
- 6. That if Respondent is employed as a private duty, temporary agency, or home health nurse, Respondent shall cause his/her nurse supervisor(s) to conduct and document weekly supervisory reviews and/or supervised visits of all medical records of patients assigned to Respondent. While so employed, Respondent shall be responsible for causing his/her nurse supervisor(s) to submit said required documentation in the form of satisfactory reports directly to the Board office, as provided in Stipulation No. six (6).
- 7. That Respondent shall and hereby agrees to remain free of alcohol and all unprescribed controlled substances. Any controlled or legend medication must be prescribed by a physician knowledgeable about the disease of addiction, as well as Respondent's history, and it is incumbent upon Respondent to insure such physician knowledge. In all such cases, the prescribed drugs must be verified in writing to the Board by the prescribing physician.
- 8. That Respondent shall submit to random periodic blood alcohol and urine drug screen(s) upon demand of the Board staff throughout the term of probation. Respondent shall submit to a drug screening panel consisting of the following: Alcohol, Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Cannabinoids, Cocaine, Hydrocodone, Meperidine, Opiates, Propoxyphene, PCP, Morphine, Codeine, Methadone, and Methaqualone. Said screen(s) shall be properly monitored with adherence to chain of custody procedures. A positive result shall be legally confirmed by Gas Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GCMS). The results of said screen(s) shall be submitted directly to the Board office by the laboratory. The expense of said screen(s) shall be borne by Respondent. The report of a positive drug screen shall be considered a violation of probation.

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9. That Respondent shall successfully complete nursing program course(s) encompassing the following areas of study: Legal Aspects of Nursing (to include Charting, & Patient Confidentiality)(8 hours), and submit documentation of successful course completion to the Board office prior to the end of probation. Respondent shall be responsible for locating said course(s) and obtaining prior written approval of Board staff prior to committing to said course(s). Said course(s) shall be correspondence (through a recognized provider), in-house at a community college, university or nursing program, and/or tutored by a state approved, licensed nursing program faculty member. The expense of said course(s) shall be borne by Respondent. Failure to successfully complete said course(s) within the time-frame stipulated, shall be considered a violation of probation.

This Agreed Order shall not be effective or take effect and become enforceable in accordance with its terms until endorsed by a majority of the Board present and voting, at its next regularly called session.

Dated this the day of	June , 19 98.
	Signature of Respondent
	4227 BigMeadons Current Address
	San Ambrid, TX 18380 City, State and Zip
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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared BARBARA LYNNE BLACK, who being duly sworn by me stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained, and that he or she understood same.

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this the 22 nday of June 1998.

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My Commission Expires 4-7-99

Marjorie A. Aronk, R.N. Agent for the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned authority, on this the day of NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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ENDORSEMENT OF THE BOARD
To The Agreed Board Order
in the matter of Vocational Nurse
License No. 132489
Issued to Barbara Lynne Black

At its regularly called session, on the 15th day of September 1998, came on to be considered the indicated Agreed Board Order pertaining to Barbara Lynne Black. The Board having reviewed the contents of said Order, the Order should be, and is hereby, endorsed as an Order of the Board and made an official act of the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas.

Said Order is rendered on this the 15th day of September 1998.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the \_\_\_

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a true and correct copy of the foregoing Order was served by placement in the

U.S. Mail, first class, and addressed to the following person(s):

BARBARA LYNNE BLACK 4227 BIG MEADOWS SAN ANTONIO, TX 78230

Marjorie A. Bronk, RN

Executive Director

Agent for the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners



## **BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSE EXAMINERS**

## 333 GUADALUPE STREET, SUITE 3-400 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701 512/305-8100

October 14, 1999

BARBARA BLACK 4227 BIG MEADOWS SAN ANTONIO TX 78230

Dear Ms. Black:

You have successfully completed your term of probation as stipulated by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners.

All pertinent information will remain in your permanent records. We urge you in the future to promote and uphold the ethical standards a Licensed Vocational Nurse should practice.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Hudson Investigator

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