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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of § AGREED  
Registered Nurse License Number 418960 §  
issued to BARBARA L S BLACKBURN § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of BARBARA L S BLACKBURN, Registered Nurse License Number 418960, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.251 and Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on June 11, 2012, 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Diploma in Nursing from Lynchburg General School of Nursing, Lynchburg, Virginia, on January 28, 1967. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 28, 1969.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:
 

01/01 - 05/03	Assistant Director of Nurses	Traymore Nursing Dallas, Texas
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05/03 - 12/09	Director of Assisted Living	Monticello West Dallas, Texas
12/09 - 08/10	Medicare Coordinator	Walnut Place Dallas, Texas
08/10 - Present	Supervisor	Walnut Place Dallas, Texas

6. On or about July 23, 1980, Respondent's license to practice professional nursing was REVOKED by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of the Board dated July 23, 1980, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
7. On or about July 21, 1982, Respondent's license to practice professional nursing was REINSTATED WITH STIPULATIONS by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of the Board dated July 21, 1982, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
8. On or about February 1, 2009, through August 17, 2010, while employed with Walnut Place, Dallas, Texas, Respondent practiced as a Registered Nurse without a valid license. Board records indicate that Respondent's license expired on January 31, 2009. Respondent's conduct deceived residents, their families, fellow care givers, and the public in that they believed Respondent's nursing practice was in compliance with all Board Rules and Regulations.
9. In response to Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states that in 2009, she renewed her license online for the first time. She had a friend help her complete the online renewal. They can't remember the exact date of the renewal, but it was sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas 2009. In August 2010, the Administrative Assistant at Walnut Place was doing paperwork and found out that Respondent's license had expired. Respondent stopped working and renewed her license as soon as possible.

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(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(H)&(11)(B).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 418960, heretofore issued to BARBARA L S BLACKBURN, 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 a 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 pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). 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.

(2) 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.texas.gov/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(s) 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.

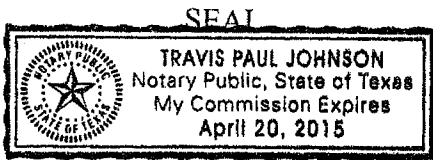
Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

Barbara L. S. Blackburn  
BARBARA L S BLACKBURN, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

Travis Paul Johnson

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



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 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012, by BARBARA L S BLACKBURN, Registered Nurse License Number 418960, and said Order is final.



Effective this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

*Katherine A. Thomas*

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

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS  
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS  
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In the matter of Permanent Certificate  
Number 4-18960 issued to  
BARBARA LOUISE SOWELL BLACKBURN

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Barbara Louise Sowell Blackburn  
504 Cardinal B #4  
Denton, Texas 76201

The Board of Nurse Examiners in and for the State of Texas in a regularly scheduled meeting, having set a Hearing to be held on July 23, 1980, to determine whether cause exists under Article 4525a (8) and (9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, to suspend or revoke License Number 4-18960, heretofore issued to BARBARA LOUISE SOWELL BLACKBURN, pursuant to Texas law, which Hearing was held on July 23, 1980, pursuant to applicable Texas law.

At the Hearing, Dr. Barbara Woodard, R.N., President of the Board, presided and the following members were present:

Mrs. Pauline Barnes, R.N.  
Mrs. Billie Bell, R.N.  
Dr. Eileen Jacobi, R.N.  
Mrs. Mary Virginia Jacobs, R.N.  
Mrs. June Murphy, R.N.

The Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas was represented by Mr. Philip Maxwell, Counsel to the Board. The Respondent was not present nor represented by counsel, although having been notified of her rights regarding the same. Testimony and other evidence was received by the Board and, as a result thereof, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That Sworn Complaint was filed with the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in accordance with law.
2. That Notice of Hearing and Complaint were served upon BARBARA LOUISE SOWELL BLACKBURN in accordance with law.

3. That BARBARA LOUISE SOWELL BLACKBURN is currently licensed and, on or about a period of time from November, 1979, to March 15, 1980, was practicing professional nursing at Carrollton Community Hospital in Carrollton, Texas.
4. That, on or about March 14, 1980, the nurse in question appropriated, without authorization, for her own use a controlled substance, i.e., Demerol, from Carrollton Community Hospital in Carrollton, Texas.
5. That, on or about March 14-15, 1980, the nurse in question made inappropriate statements, wandered in and out patient's rooms dressed in a night gown, and spoke in a loud voice while off duty at said facility.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That pursuant to Article 4525, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. That the evidence received was conclusive to prove, in the opinion of the Board, intemperate use of drugs whose use endangers or could endanger patients and unprofessional or dishonorable conduct which was likely to injure the patients.
3. That the activities of the nurse in question constituted sufficient cause pursuant to Article 4525a (8) and (9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, to revoke License Number 4-18960, heretofore issued to BARBARA LOUISE SOWELL BLACKBURN, to practice professional nursing in Texas.

#### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that License Number 4-18960, heretofore issued to BARBARA LOUISE SOWELL BLACKBURN, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas be and the same is hereby revoked.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said license issued to BARBARA LOUISE SOWELL BLACKBURN, upon receipt of this Order, be immediately delivered to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that BARBARA LOUISE SOWELL BLACKBURN, in accordance with Article 4525c, shall not be eligible for reissuance of a license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas until application to the Board of Nurse Examiners is made and satisfaction of such requirements in such form and manner as the Board may require; however, in no event prior to one year from the effective date of such revocation.



IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND THE BOARD SO FINDS, in accordance with Article 6252-13a, 16(c), Texas Revised Civil Statutes, that an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare requires immediate effect to this Order and the same shall be effective on the date herein below rendered and the same may not be stayed except on proper application to a District Court in accordance with Article 4525c, Texas Revised Civil Statutes.

Entered this 23rd day of July, 1980.

Certificate to Order of Board  
In the matter of Permanent  
Certificate No. 4-18960  
Issued to Barbara Louise Sowell Blackburn

The aforementioned Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order  
of the Board represent a final decision or Order duly made by the Board of  
Nurse Examiners in and for the State of Texas this the 23rd day of July, 1980.

Barbara Woodard R.N. Ed.O.  
President

Mary Virginia Jacobs, R.N.

Lillian Sore, R.N.

Paulene Bernice, R.N.

Esther M. ...

June Murphy R.N. M.S.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS  
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS  
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In the matter of Permanent Certificate  
Number 4-18960 issued to BARBARA  
LOUISE SOWELL BLACKBURN

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Barbara Louise Sowell Blackburn  
504 Cardinal B-4  
Denton, Texas 76201

The Board of Nurse Examiners in and for the State of Texas in a regularly scheduled meeting on July 21, 1982, heard the application for reinstatement of License Number 4-18960, heretofore issued to BARBARA LOUISE SOWELL BLACKBURN, according to Article 4525c, V.A.T.S.

At the meeting, Mrs. Mary Virginia Jacobs, R.N., President of the Board presided and the following members were present:

Mr. Cleve Bachman  
Mrs. Peggy Brown  
Mrs. Marlene Huggins, R.N.  
Dr. Eileen Jacobi, R.N.

Mrs. Leo Johnson  
Mrs. June Murphy, R.N.  
Dr. Jean Pryor, R.N.

The applicant was present at the meeting, but not represented by counsel. Testimony and other evidence was received by the Board and, as a result thereof, the Board makes the following decision.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that License Number 4-18960, heretofore issued to BARBARA LOUISE SOWELL BLACKBURN, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas be and the same is hereby reinstated upon compliance with

the following stipulations and payment of re-registration fees:

(1) That BARBARA LOUISE SOWELL BLACKBURN furnish to the Board at the end of every three months for a minimum period of one year from the date of this order written reports on forms furnished by the Board the required information as to her progress in her therapy, rehabilitation and/or capability of practicing professional nursing in Texas;

(2) That BARBARA LOUISE SOWELL BLACKBURN, when engaged in the practice of professional nursing, shall furnish on forms provided by the Board the required information from her employer as to her performance and capabilities as a professional nurse. These reports shall be required on a quarterly basis for a minimum period of one year beginning three months after the date of employment.

Entered this 21st day of July, 1982.

BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS  
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

SEAL

BY

*Margaret L. Rowland*  
(Mrs.) Margaret L. Rowland, R.N.,  
Executive Secretary on behalf of  
said Board

October 12, 1983

Barbara Louise Sowell Blackburn  
504 Cardinal B, #4  
Denton, Texas 76201

Dear Ms. Blackburn:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the report from your employer,  
Westgate Hospital Alcohol Recovery Unit, Denton, Texas.

Pursuant to the Order of the Board issued on July 21, 1982, your license  
was reinstated with stipulations.

As evidence that you have met the stipulations has been received in this  
office, your file now reflects that the Order of the Board has been met.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Donald Tawney  
Investigator I

DT/kc

Name BLACKBURN, Barbara Louise Sowell

License Number 4-18960

Address 504 Cardinal B rd

Denton, Texas 76101

Date of Hearing 7-23-80

Charge Section 10.01

Decision of Board REVOKED

Reinstatement 1

Remarks:

Reports Due:

Reports Received: