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Texas Board of Nursing.

Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse License Number 219253 issued to SARAH PAULINE CHEVALIER

AGREED

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ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SARAH PAULINE CHEVALIER, Vocational Nurse License Number 219253, 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 June 1, 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Victoria College, Victoria, Texas on August 10, 2007. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 18, 2008.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

11/08-1/10

LVN

Bayshore Medical Center Pasadena, Texas

2/10-Present

Unknown

6. On or about January 19, 2010, while employed with Bayshore Medical Center, Pasadena, Texas, Respondent withdrew Hydromorphone from the medication dispensing system for patients, but failed to completely and accurately document the administration of the medication in the Medication Administration Records (MARs) as follows:

Date/ Time	Patient #	Medication Withdrawn	Physician's Order	MAR	Nurses' Notes	Wastage
1/19/10 06:49	HKL 1143038	(2) Hydromorphone 2mg	Hydromorphone 2mg Q 3hrs PRN	None	N/A	None
1/19/10 07:18	HKL 1143038	(2) Hydromorphone 2mg	Hydromorphone 2mg Q 3hrs PRN	None	N/A	None
1/19/10 08:32	HKL 1143038	(3) Hydromorphone 2mg	Hydromorphone 2mg Q 3hrs PRN	None	N/A	None
1/19/10 09:21	HKL 1143038	(2) Hydromorphone 2mg	Hydromorphone 2mg Q 3hrs PRN	None	N/A	None
1/19/10 10:20	SM 1148454	(4) Hydromorphone 1mg	Dilaudid I mg Q 2hrs PRN	None	N/A	None

Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patient which could result in an overdose.

7. On or about January 19, 2010, while employed with Bayshore Medical Center, Pasadena, Texas, Respondent withdrew Hydromorphone from the medication dispensing system for patients, but failed to follow the policy and procedure for the wastage of the unused portions of the medication as follows:

Date/ Time	Patient #	Medication Withdrawn	Physician's Order	MAR	Nurses' Notes	Wastage
1/19/10 06:49	HKL 1143038	(2) Hydromorphone 2mg	Hydromorphone 2mg Q 3hrs PRN	None	N/A	None
1/19/10 07:18	HKL 1143038	(2) Hydromorphone 2mg	Hydromorphone 2mg Q 3hrs PRN	None	N/A	None
1/19/10 08:32	HKL 1143038	(3) Hydromorphone 2mg	Hydromorphone 2mg Q 3hrs PRN	None	N/A	None
1/19/10 09:21	HKL 1143038	(2) Hydromorphone 2mg	Hydromorphone 2mg Q 3hrs PRN	None	N/A	None
1/19/10 10:20	SM 1148454	(4) Hydromorphone Img	Dilaudid I mg Q 2hrs PRN	None	N/A	None

Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).

8. On or about January 19, 2010, while employed with Bayshore Medical Center, Pasadena, Texas, Respondent withdrew Hydromorphone from the medication dispensing system for patients in excess frequency and/or dosage of the physician's order as follows:

Date/ Time	Patient #	Medication Withdrawn	Physician's Order	MAR	Nurses' Notes	Wastage
1/19/10 06:49	HKL 1143038	(2) Hydromorphone 2mg	Hydromorphone 2mg Q 3hrs PRN	None	N/A	None
1/19/10 07:18	HKL 1143038	(2) Hydromorphone 2mg	Hydromorphone 2mg Q 3hrs PRN	None	N/A	None
1/19/10 08:32	HKL 1143038	(3) Hydromorphone 2mg	Hydromorphone 2mg Q 3hrs PRN	None	N/A	None
1/19/10 09:21	HKL 1143038	(2) Hydromorphone 2mg	Hydromorphone 2mg Q 3hrs PRN	None	N/A	None
1/19/10 10:20	SM 1148454	(4) Hydromorphone 1mg	Dilaudid 1 mg Q 2hrs PRN	None	N/A	None

Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that the administration of Hydromorphone in excess frequency and/or dosage of the physician's order could result in the patient suffering from adverse reactions.

- On or about January 19, 2010, while employed with Bayshore Medical Center, Pasadena, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Hydromorphone belonging to the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct defrauded the facility and the patients thereof of the cost of the medications.
- 10. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) through Nine (9), Respondent states she was with a preceptor during the day in question because she had moved to day shift. Respondent states "in no way did I use or obtain medication for any reason other than pertaining to my job." Respondent states it's possible she didn't sign off the Accudose system.

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)(A),(B),(C)&(D) and \$217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(4),(6)(G),(8),(10)(C)&(11)(B).

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 219253, heretofore issued to SARAH PAULINE CHEVALIER, 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 <u>not</u> 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.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in medication administration. 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. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The didactic portion of this course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course shall contain a minimum twenty-four (24) hour clinical component which is to be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. In order for the course to be approved, the course's content shall include: a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the five (5) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects

resulting from improper administration. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course to satisfy this stipulation. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor 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.

(3) 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 not 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.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension. In order to receive credit for completion of this program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have 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 violations 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 5th day of August, 20 12

SARAH PAULINE CHEVALIER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of

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Notary Public in and for the State of

Country of Harris

JULIA LYNN DOMINGUEZ
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires
March 31, 2015

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 5th day of August, 2012, by SARAH PAULINE CHEVALIER, Vocational Nurse License Number 219253, and said Order is final.



Effective this 9th day of August, 2012.

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

of said Board