

IN THE MATTER OF

PERMANENT REGISTERED NURSE
LICENSE NUMBER 603000
ISSUED TO

ROBIN NOELLE COULTER

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BEFORE THE TEXAS

BOARD OF NURSING

ELIGIBILITY AND

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



Patricia R. Plummer
Executive Director of the Board

I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Robin Noelle Coulter
4728 Poplar Ridge Dr.
Fort Worth, TX 76123

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on August 14, 2012, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by

reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

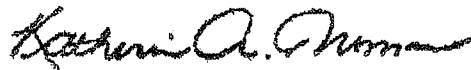
All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that , Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 603000, previously issued to ROBIN NOELLE COULTER, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

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

Entered this 14th day of August, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charge filed May 31, 2012.



Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 603000
Issued to ROBIN NOELLE COULTER
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 1st day of August, 2012, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served by placement in the U.S. Mail via certified mail, and addressed to the following person(s):

Robin Noelle Coulter
4728 Poplar Ridge Dr.
Fort Worth, TX 76123



BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of Permanent License § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**
Number 603000, Issued to §
ROBIN NOELLE COULTER, Respondent § **BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, ROBIN NOELLE COULTER, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 603000, 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 December 23, 2009, while employed with Medical Center of Arlington, Arlington, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that, while on duty, she was observed exhibiting slurred speech, difficulty keeping her eyes open, shaky hands, unsteady gait and her face was flushed. Respondent admitted to taking Xanax 1.0 mg at 0900 and 1100. Furthermore, Respondent disclosed to the Board staff that she was experiencing full blown panic attacks with a racing heart, profuse sweating, feeling like she was dying, and using anti-depressants and anti-anxiety medications. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10),(12)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A)&(1)(T) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4)&(5).

CHARGE II.

On or about December 23, 2009, while employed with Medical Center of Arlington, Arlington, Texas, Respondent misappropriated one (1) milligram of Stadol belonging to the facility and patients thereof or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation in that she admitted to such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.

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(1)(B),(4)&(6)(G).

CHARGE III.

On or about December 23, 2009, while employed with Medical Center of Arlington, Arlington, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Butorphanol in that she submitted a specimen for a drug screen which resulted positive for Butorphanol and admitted to such use. Unlawful possession of Butorphanol is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Butorphanol by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(4),(5),(10)(A),(10)(D)&(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, www.bon.texas.gov.

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, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html.

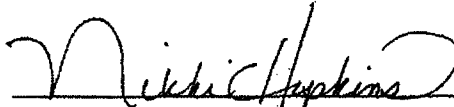
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NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Orders which is/are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Agreed Order dated .

Filed this 31st day of May, 20 12.

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