IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT VOCATIONAL NURSE LICENSE NUMBER 172812 ISSUED TO SHURITE NORA DELAPENA § BEFORE THE TEXAS§ BOARD OF NURSING

§ ELIGIBILITY AND

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Shurite Nora DeLaPena 5518 Culebra, Apt 1122 San Antonio, Texas 78228

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, 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 Vocational Nurse License Number 172812, previously issued to SHURITE NORA DELAPENA, to practice vocational 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

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BY:

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

Attachment: Formal Charge filed June 28, 2012.

cc: Shurite Nora DeLaPena
5335 NW Loop 410
Apartment #1801
San Antonio, Texas 78229

Re: Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 172812
Issued to SHURITE NORA DELAPENA
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the light day of _	August	, 20 <u>12</u> , a true and correct
copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was	served by placeme	nt in the U.S. Mail via certified
mail, and addressed to the following person(s):		

Shurite Nora DeLaPena 5518 Culebra, Apt 1122 San Antonio, Texas 78228

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD In the Matter of Permanent License § BEFORE THE TEXAS
Number 172812, Issued to §
SHURITE NORA DELAPENA, Respondent § BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, SHURITE NORA DELAPENA, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 172812, which is in current 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 October 12, 2010, through November 19, 2010, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Pro Touch Nurses, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and assigned to Nix Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent submitted multiple falsified, unauthorized, and fraudulent written and telephonically communicated prescriptions for Xanax and Vicodin, using the name and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) numbers for Dr. Amy Maverick and Dr. Mirhassan Farivar. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the pharmacy and possession of Xanax and Vicodin, through the use of a forged, falsified, and unauthorized written or telephonically communicated 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(6)(A)&(H),(10)(B)&(E) and (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 Lying and Falsification, 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.

Filed this 28th day of June, 2012

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