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Patricia A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse §
License Number 102931 §
issued to TERESA BAINBRIDGE §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 102931, issued to TERESA BAINBRIDGE, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received Certificate of Nursing from Joe G. Davis, Huntsville, Texas on August 19, 1983. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas in November 30, 1983.
4. Respondent's complete nursing employment history is unknown.
5. On or about July 18, 2009, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Huntsville Memorial Medical Center, Huntsville, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that she showed signs of unusual behavior, including, but not limited to: slow unsteady gait, slurred speech and a glazed look in her eyes, hands that were shaky and writing that was almost illegible. 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.

6. On or about July 18, 2009, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Huntsville Memorial Medical Center, Huntsville, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Oxycodone and Oxymorphone in that she submitted a specimen for a drug screen that produced a positive result for Oxycodone (7409 ng/mL) and Oxymorphone (4027 ng/mL). Possession of Oxycodone and Oxymorphone is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Oxycodone and Oxymorphone by a Vocational 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.
7. On or about January 4, 2009, Respondent submitted a Texas Board of Nursing-Online Renewal Document-Licensed Vocational Nurse, wherein she submitted false or deceptive information in that she answered "no" to the question, in pertinent part:

"Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:
H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?"

Respondent failed to disclose that she was arrested for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (a Class B Misdemeanor offense) on or about, July 3, 2007, by Rockwall Police Department, Rockwall, Texas. Respondent's conduct was deceiving and may have affected the Board's decision to license her.
8. Formal Charges were filed and mailed on June 7, 2010 and First Amended Formal Charges were filed and mailed August 22, 2011.
9. On September 7, 2011, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated September 7, 2011, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
10. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
11. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.

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 violations of Section 301.452(b)(2),(9),(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(5),(6)(A),(6)(H),(6)(I),(10)(A),(10)(D)&11(B).
4. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
5. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
6. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.452 (b), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC §§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 102931, heretofore issued to TERESA BAINBRIDGE, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:


1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title of vocational nurse or the abbreviation LVN or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

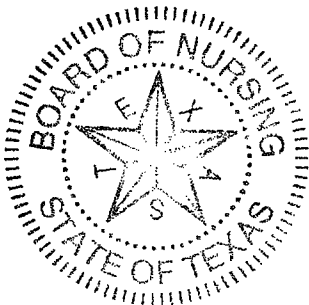
IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 8th day of September, 2011.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:


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



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Teresa Bainbridge
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Texas Vocational License #102931

Voluntary Surrender Statement

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a vocational nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license/licenses to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature Teresa A. Bainbridge
Date 9-2-11

Texas Nursing License Number/s LVN# 102931

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared Teresa Bainbridge who, being duly sworn by me, stated that she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that she understood same.

Sworn to before me the 7 day of September, 2011.

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[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

