

JUN 28 2000



BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSE EXAMINERS

STATE OF TEXAS

VS.

KATHERINE RENEE GONZALES

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

AGREED BOARD ORDER

On this day came to be considered by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners the matter of vocational nurse license number 136721 held by KATHERINE RENEE GONZALES, hereinafter called Respondent.

By letter, the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners sent preliminary notice to Respondent of its intent to take disciplinary action with respect to said license held by Respondent, as a result of a complaint and subsequent investigation. Said investigation produced evidence indicating that Respondent has engaged in unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that, in the opinion of the Board, is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure the public, in violation of the Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 302, contrary to Section 302.402 (a) (10), in the following manner:

- a. Respondent is a vocational nurse, licensed by the State of Texas, and holds license number 136721.
- b. On or about October 1999, the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners conducted a Random continuing education audit regarding Respondent's licensure. Said audit revealed that Respondent had failed to complete twenty (20) contact hours of continuing education between September 1, 1997 and August 31, 1999, as required by the Board of vocational Nurse Examiners (Board) Rules and Regulations.
- c. Furthermore, on or about September 1, 1999, Respondent submitted her license renewal form to the Board office. On said form Respondent inaccurately answered "yes" to the question "Have you acquired twenty (20) contact hours of continuing education in the renewal period just completed?"
- d. Board Rule 237.14 states that twenty (20) contact hours of continuing education within the two (2) years immediately preceding renewal of licensure are required.

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.
Patricia P. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

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By Respondent's signature on this Order, Respondent neither admits nor denies the truth of the matters previously set out in this Order with respect to the above-mentioned investigation. By Respondent's signature on this Order, Respondent acknowledges that they have read and understood this Order and have approved it for consideration by the Board.

By their notarized signature on this Order, Respondent does hereby waive the right to a formal Complaint, Notice of Hearing and a Public Hearing held before an Administrative Law Judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings, and to judicial review of this disciplinary action. Notice of this disciplinary action will appear in the Board's newsletter sent to Texas employers.

ORDER OF THE BOARD

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners that License Number 136721, heretofore issued to KATHERINE RENEE GONZALES, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby issued an administrative fine in the amount of \$250.00. Said fine shall be in the form of a cashier's check or money order, payable to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners, within thirty (30) days of the date of the Board's endorsement of this Order. Said fee shall be sent to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-400, Austin, TX 78701.

Respondent shall successfully complete the required twenty (20) contact hours of Mandatory Continuing Education (CE) as defined in Board Rule 237.14 and submit documentation of successful completion of the CE requirements to the Board office within thirty (30) days of the endorsement of this Order.

This Agreed Order shall not be effective or take effect and become enforceable in accordance with its terms until ratified by a majority of the Board present and voting, at its next regularly called session.

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Dated this the 26th day of June, 2000

Katherine Gonzales
Signature of Respondent

206 Perwen Dr.
Current Address

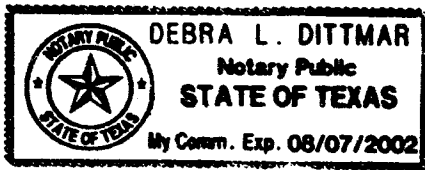
Fredericksburg, TX. 78874
City, State and Zip

830, 990-2600
Area Code and Telephone Number

The State of Texas
County of Ellis

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared KATHERINE RENEE GONZALES, who being duly sworn by me stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained, and that he or she understood same.

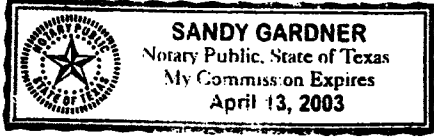
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this the 26th day of June, 2000.



Debra L. Dittmar
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR
THE STATE OF TEXAS
My Commission Expires 08/07/2002

Mary M. Strange
Agent for the Board of
Vocational Nurse Examiners

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 19th day of July, 2000




Sandy Gardner
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR
THE STATE OF TEXAS

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Board Order, notarized on the 26TH day of June, 2000 by Respondent, license number 136721 and that Said Order is Final.

Effective this 11th day of September, 2000.



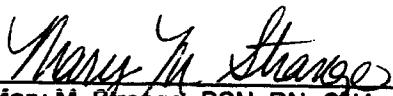
Mary M. Strange, BSN, RN, CNA
Executive Director
On Behalf of Said Board

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 15th day of September, 2000, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **BOARD ORDER** was served by placement in the U.S. Mail, first class, and addressed to the following person(s):

KATHERINE GONZALES
206 DERWEN DR.
FREDERICKSBURG, TX 78624



Mary M. Strange, BSN, RN, CNA
Executive Director
Agent for the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners



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BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSE EXAMINERS
333 GUADALUPE STREET, SUITE 3-400
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701
512/305-8100

October 11, 2000

KATHERINE GONZALES
206 DERWEN DR
FREDERICKSBURG TX 78624

Dear Ms. Gonzales:

You have successfully completed the terms of your Agreed Board Order dated September 11, 2000.

All pertinent information will remain in your permanent records. We urge you in the future to promote and uphold the ethical standards a Licensed Vocational Nurse should practice.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Hudson".

Carolyn Hudson
Investigator

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