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*Patricia Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse           §       AGREED  
License Number 149201                       §  
issued to JEANNIE ANN RICKS               §       ORDER

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Boa

accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 149201, issued to JEANNIE ANN RICKS, 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, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was provided to 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 holds a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, which is currently in Delinquent status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas, on August 18, 1994. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 30, 1994.
5. Respondent's vocational employment history includes:

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| 1995 | LVN | Renal Care Group<br>Tyler, Texas |
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Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

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| 1997 | LVN | Med Team<br>Tyler, Texas                |
| 2000 | LVN | Excel Staffing<br>Tyler, Texas          |
| 2003 | LVN | ETMC Specialty Hospital<br>Tyler, Texas |

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2010 - 2011                      Not employed in nursing

6. On or about February 22, 2011, Respondent entered a plea of "Guilty" and was convicted of POSSESSION DANGEROUS DRUG (a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on October 10, 2010), in the County Court at Law No. 2, Smith County, Texas, under Cause No. 002-84904-10. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to seventy-five (75) days confinement in the Smith County Jail, Smith County, Texas, with credit for time served, and ordered to pay court costs.
7. On or about March 17, 2011, Respondent entered a plea of "Guilty" to POSSESSION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PG 1<1G (a State Jail Felony offense committed on October 10, 2010), in the 114th District Court, Smith County, Texas, under Case No. 114-0008-11. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a Reimbursement Fee and court costs.
8. In Response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Seven (7), Respondent states: I really have no good explanation for my behavior. I started off with what I thought was a petty crime and then my criminal actions progressed into more serious criminal behavior. As things progressed, I kept choosing to make wrong decisions. I chose to turn to illegal drug use and turned myself into an amphetamine dependent drug user. I became dependent on this type of criminal behavior until it escalated to where I am now. I take full responsibility for my actions. I am currently in a long term rehabilitation facility and working to improve myself.
9. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
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.
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3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violations of Section 301.452(b)(3),(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).
  4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.453(a), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 149201, heretofore issued to JEANNIE ANN RICKS, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
  5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
  6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
  7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Vocational Nurse License Number 149201, heretofore issued to JEANNIE ANN RICKS, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by 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 "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.
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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.

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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 this Order becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

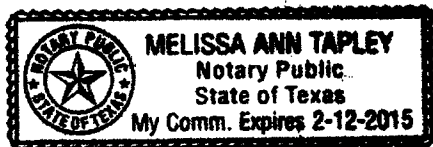
Signed this 13 day of Feb, 2012

Jeannie Ann Ricks  
JEANNIE ANN RICKS, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

SEAL

Melissa Ann Tapley  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 149201, previously issued to JEANNIE ANN RICKS.



Effective this 28th day of February, 2012.

*Katherine A. Thomas*

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Executive Director on behalf  
of said Board