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Patricia Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse
License Number 171376
issued to CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ

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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 171376, issued to CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ, 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 conference, notice and hearing.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is delinquent.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas, on December 18, 1998. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on March 5, 1999.

4. Respondent's complete vocational nursing employment history includes:

09/99 - 09/06	LVN	Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center Waco, Texas
09/07 - 08/08	LVN	Temple Living Center - West Temple, Texas
09/08 - Present	Unknown	

5. On January 7, 2008, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order by the Texas Board of Nursing which required her to participate and successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN). A copy of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Agreed Order dated January 7, 2008, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
6. On March 23, 2010, Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing was Suspended by the Texas Board of Nursing. The suspension was Stayed, and Respondent was placed on Probation for three (3) years. A copy of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Agreed Order dated March 23, 2010, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
7. On August 15, 2011, Respondent submitted a signed and notarized affidavit to the Board expressing her desire to voluntarily surrender the right to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas in lieu of complying with the Agreed Order issued to Respondent on March 23, 2010. A copy of the August 15, 2011, affidavit is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.

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 a violation of Section 301.452(b)(1), and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (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.

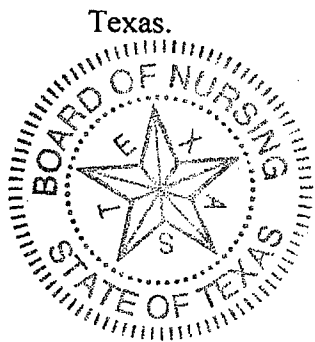
ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 171376, heretofore issued to CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ, 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 himself 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 in surrendered status.
2. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure and shall not petition for reinstatement until at least one (1) year has elapsed since the effective date of this Order.
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 multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 30th day of September, 2011.



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

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse § AGREED
License Number 171376 §
issued to CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ, Vocational License Number 171376, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on January 8, 2010, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent holds a licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas which is currently in delinquent status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas, on December 18, 1998. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on March 5, 1999.
5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

09/99 - 09/06	LVN	Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center Waco, Texas
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Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

09/07 - 08/08	LVN	Temple Living Center - West Temple, Texas
09/08 - Present	unknown	

6. On January 7, 2008, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order by the Texas Board of Nursing which required her to participate and successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN). A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated January 7, 2008, is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
7. At the time of the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Eight (8) through Ten (10), Respondent was employed as a LVN with Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, Waco, Texas, and has been in this position for six (6) years and eight (8) months.
8. On or about May 20, 2006 through June 8, 2006, while employed with Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, Waco, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Morphine, Demerol, Hydromorphone, and Hydrocodone belonging to the facility and the patients thereof. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.
9. On or about June 8, 2006, while employed with Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, Waco, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice in that while on duty she exhibited the following behavior; glassy eyes, slurred speech, pin point pupils, distracted, and hyper. Respondent's conduct could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
10. On or about June 8, 2006, while employed with Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, Waco, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Morphine in that Respondent submitted a specimen for a drug screen which resulted positive for Morphine. Possession of Morphine is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Morphine 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.
11. At the time of the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Twelve (12) through Fifteen (15), Respondent was employed as a LVN with Temple Living Center West, Temple, Texas, and has been in this position for ten (10) months.

12. On or about July 26, 2008, while employed with Temple Living Center-West, Temple, Texas, Respondent submitted a fraudulent, unauthorized prescription for Norco for Patient HA to MBS Pharmacy, Temple, Texas. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the pharmacy and possession of Norco through use of a forged, unauthorized prescription is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).
13. On or about July 26, 2008 through August 4, 2008, while employed with Temple Living Center-West, Temple, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Hydrocodone belonging to the facility and the patients thereof. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.
14. On or about August 4, 2008, while employed with Temple Living Center-West, Temple, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Opiates and Oxycodone in that Respondent submitted a specimen for a drug screen which resulted positive for Opiates and Oxycodone. Possession of Opiates and Oxycodone is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Opiates and Oxycodone 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.
15. On or about August 4, 2008, while employed with Temple Living Center-West, Temple, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on January 7, 2008 by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's drug screen which resulted positive for Opiates and Oxycodone, which constitutes a failure to comply with all the requirements of the TPAPN contract. Stipulation number three (3) of the Agreed Order dated January 7, 2008, states that "Respondent Shall comply with all requirements of the TPAPN contract during its term." On August 7, 2008, Respondent was dismissed from TPAPN and referred to the Board.
16. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Eight (8) through fifteen (15), Respondent states "I made the mistake of not turning in my prescription form as I had agreed to and I have learned from my mistake. I have re-done the Alcohol and Drug treatment program at Scott & White in Temple, Texas, in April 2009 and I currently attend at least 4 NA meetings weekly and aftercare at S&W weekly. I also have a sponsor with 20 years clean and can say I am honestly working on my 12 steps to recovery the correct way this time. I also realize that I have the disease of addiction which I will never be cured from . . . I am currently a Outreach Coordinator for the Temple Salvation Army and much respected. My employer is aware of what I am going through and has been much support to me. I ask of the Board of Nursing to please allow me to keep my license and I will do whatever it takes to keep my license. . ."
17. Respondent's last known date of sobriety is as indicated in Finding of Fact Number Fourteen (14).

18. 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 a violations of Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(E),(4),(5)(6)(G),(8),(9), (10)(A),(D),(E),&(11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 171376, heretofore issued to CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Vocational Nurse License Number 171376, previously issued to CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ, to practice nursing in Texas is hereby SUSPENDED and said suspension is ENFORCED until Respondent completes a treatment program approved by the Board, provides documentation of successful completion, and has obtained twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety. Any relapse prior to the completion of the twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety will result in an extension of the enforced suspension until such twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety and additional treatment have been attained.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 171376 previously issued to CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ, upon receipt of this Order, be immediately delivered to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate privilege, if any, to practice nursing in compact states.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license is encumbered by this order the Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, upon verification of successful completion of the approved treatment and twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety as set out in this Order, the Suspension will be STAYED, and RESPONDENT will be placed on PROBATION for three (3) years with the following agreed terms of probation:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 *et seq.* and this Order.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL pay all re-registration fees, if applicable, and RESPONDENT'S licensure status in the State of Texas will be updated to reflect the applicable conditions outlined herein.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine/monitoring fee in the amount of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the suspension being stayed, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a

pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address:* <http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROBATION CONDITIONS FOR THREE (3) YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) LICENSE WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS PROBATIONARY PERIOD:

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the probation conditions on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.

(6) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.

(7) For the first year of employment as a nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly supervised by a Registered Nurse or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Direct supervision requires another nurse to be working on the same unit as RESPONDENT and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. RESPONDENT SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). The RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(8) For the remainder of the probation period, RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned,

identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(9) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a nurse on the night shift, rotate shifts, work overtime, accept on-call assignments, or be used for coverage on any unit other than the identified, predetermined unit(s) to which Respondent is regularly assigned for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

(10) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a nurse in any critical care area for one (1) year of employment as a nurse. Critical care areas include, but are not limited to, intensive care units, emergency rooms, operating rooms, telemetry units, recovery rooms, and labor and delivery units.

(11) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT administer or have any contact with controlled substances, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

(12) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT's capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) months for three (3) years of employment as a nurse.

(13) RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed, RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the licensed practitioner to submit a written report identifying the medication,

dosage and the date the medication was prescribed. The report shall be submitted directly to the office of the Board by the prescribing practitioner, within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription. **In the event that prescriptions for controlled substances are required for periods of two (2) weeks or longer, the Board may require and RESPONDENT SHALL submit to an evaluation by a Board approved physician specializing in Pain Management or Psychiatry. The performing evaluator will submit a written report to the Board's office, including results of the evaluation, clinical indications for the prescriptions, and recommendations for on-going treatment within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.**

(14) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol. For the first three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per week. For the next three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month. For the next six (6) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per month. For the remainder of the probation period, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) months. All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Screens obtained through urinalysis is the sole method accepted by the Board.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances:

Amphetamines	Meperidine
Barbiturates	Methadone
Benzodiazepines	Methaqualone
Cannabinoids	Opiates
Cocaine	Phencyclidine
Ethanol	Propoxyphene
tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)	

A Board representative may appear at the RESPONDENT's place of employment at any time during the probation period and require RESPONDENT to produce a specimen for screening.

All screens shall be properly monitored and produced in accordance with the Board's policy on Random Drug Testing. A complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each specimen obtained and analyzed. RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the probation period.

Any positive result for which the nurse does not have a valid prescription or failure to report for a drug screen, which may be considered the same as a positive result, will be regarded as non-compliance with the terms of this Order and may subject the nurse to further disciplinary action including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL participate in therapy with a "professional counselor" possessing credentials approved by the Board. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the therapist to submit written reports, on forms provided by the Board, as to the RESPONDENT's progress in therapy, rehabilitation and capability to safely practice professional nursing. The report must indicate whether or not the RESPONDENT's stability is sufficient to provide direct patient care safely. Such reports are to be furnished each and every month for three (3) months. If therapy is recommended for beyond three (3) months, the reports shall then be required at the end of each three (3) month period for the duration of the probation period, or until RESPONDENT is dismissed from therapy.

(16) RESPONDENT SHALL attend at least two (2) support group meetings each week, one of which must be for substance abuse and provided by Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, or another comparable recovery program that has been pre-approved by the Board. RESPONDENT SHALL provide acceptable evidence of attendance. Acceptable evidence shall

consist of a written record of at least: the date of each meeting; the name of each group attended; and the signature and printed name of the chairperson of each group attended by RESPONDENT. RESPONDENT SHALL submit the required evidence on the forms provided by the Board at the end of every three (3) months. No duplications, copies, third party signatures, or any other substitutions will be accepted as evidence.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that if during the period of probation, an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against the Respondent's license, the probationary period shall not expire and shall automatically be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT's license and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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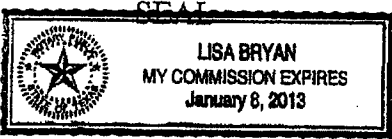
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 26th day of Jan, 2010.

Caroline Sue Jimenez
CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ, Respondent

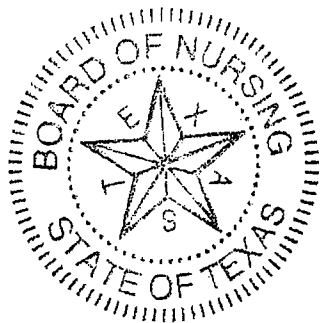
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of Jan, 2010.




Lisa Bryan
Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 26th day of January, 2010, by CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ, Vocational Nurse License Number 171376, and said Order is final.

Effective this 23rd day of March, 2010.





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

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse §
License Number 171376 § AGREED ORDER
issued to CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ §

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ, Vocational Nurse License Number 171376, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(3)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on October 5, 2007, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas, on December 18, 1998. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on March 5, 1999.
5. Respondent's complete vocational nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about February 1, 2007, while participating with the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN), Respondent produced a specimen for a random drug test which resulted positive for propoxyphene. Possession of propoxyphene without a valid prescription is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of propoxyphene 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 July 3, 2007, Respondent pled Guilty to the 3rd Degree Felony offense of "Fraudulent Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Schedule II/IV/V," committed on July 28, 2006, in the 54th District Court of McClennan County, Texas, Cause No. 2007-91-C2. Respondent was issued an Order of Deferred Adjudication and placed on Community Supervision for a period of three (3) years.
8. The Respondent's conduct described in the preceding Findings of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
9. 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.
10. Respondent's conduct described in Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Seven (7) resulted from Respondent's impairment by dependency on chemicals.
11. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.455, 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)(3)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(9), (10)(A)(D),(11)(B)&(13).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 171376, heretofore issued to CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

5. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT, in lieu of the sanction of Revocation under Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-sized license issued to CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days from the date of ratification of this Order for appropriate notation.

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to and be accepted into the TPAPN, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) payable to TPAPN.

(2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN contract to the Texas Board of Nursing.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN contract during its term.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN contract.

(5) IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT be convicted of or failed to comply with the probation received in the deferred order for the offense as outlined in Finding

of Fact Number Seven (7), said judicial action will result in further disciplinary action including Revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *et seq.* and this Order.

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license is encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including revocation of Respondent's license and multistate licensure 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. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions One (1) through Four (4) of this Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, and a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 28 day of December, 2007.

Caroline Sue Jimenez
CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of December, 2007

SEAL

Evelyn M. Kelarek

Notary Public in and for the State of _____



WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept and enter the Agreed Order that was signed on the 28th day of December, 2007, by CAROLINE SUE JIMENEZ, Vocational Nurse License Number 171376, and said Order is final.

Entered and effective this 7th day of January, 2008.

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

Caroline Sue Jimenez
3401 Camellia Dr., #304g #515
Temple, Texas 76504
Texas LVN License #171376

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 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 Caroline Sue Jimenez
Date Aug 15, 2011
Texas LVN License Number 171376

The State of Texas

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

Sworn to before me the 15 day of Aug, 2011.

SEAL

Stacey L. Rees
Notary Public in and for the State of Nov 13, 2012
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