BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse §

License Number 111988 issued to EDNA FAYE STOWE

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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 111988, issued to EDNA FAYE STOWE, 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 holds a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas which is currently in delinquent status.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Howard College, Big Spring, Texas, on August 27, 1985. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 4, 1985.
- 4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

12/85 - 1999 Unknown

2000 LVN Charge Nurse Rehabilitation Center

Bowie, Texas

2000 - 2005 LVN Charge Nurse Tumbleweed Care Center

Lubbock, Texas

Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

08/06 - 08/10

LVN Charge Nurse

Amerisa Court

Brownfield, Texas

08/10 - 02/11

LVN

Tumbleweed Care Center

Brownfield, Texas

03/11 - Present

Unknown

- 5. On or about March 14, 1995, Respondent was issued the sanction of a Suspension with the suspension stayed and placed on Probation through an Agreed Order issued by the Board. A copy of the Finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order dated is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 6. On or about June 10, 2002, Respondent was issued the sanction of a Reprimand through an Agreed Order issued by the Board. A copy of the Finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order dated is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 7. Formal Charges were filed on July 7, 2011. A copy of the Formal Charges is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
- 8. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on July 12, 2011.
- 9. On September 12, 2011, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated September 12, 2011, is attached and incorporated herein 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 violations of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(B),(1)(M),(1)(S),(1)(U) &(2) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(F)&(4).
- 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.

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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.

<u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 111988, heretofore issued to EDNA FAYE STOWE, 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.
- 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 13th day of September, 2011.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

In the Matter of Permanent License Number 111988, Issued to EDNA FAYE STOWE, Respondent

§ BEFORE THE TEXAS§§ BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, EDNA FAYE STOWE, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 111988, 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 February 3, 2011, while employed with Tumbleweed Care Center, Brownfield, Texas, Respondent failed to assess the status of Patient Medical Record Number 00897-11 and failed to identify his needs, during her entire shift from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The patient had transferred to the facility on February 2, 2011 at 9:30 p.m. and his medical record indicated he had a history of wandering. The patient wandered outside the facility at approximately 5:15 a.m. and was found outside by the day shift at 8:15 a.m. The patient was exposed to below freezing weather for several hours and was pronounced dead shortly after arrival to the hospital.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(B),(M)&(2) and 217.12(1)(A),(B)&(4).

- CHARGE II.

On or about February 3, 2011, while employed with Tumbleweed Care Center, Brownfield, Texas, Respondent failed to supervise unlicensed staff who were assigned to provide care for Patient Medical Record Number 00897-11. The patient wandered outside the facility at 5:15 a.m. and was not found until 8:15 a.m. by the day shift staff. The patient was exposed to below freezing weather for several hours and was pronounced dead shortly after arrival to the hospital.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$\$217.11(1)(S),(U)&(2) and 217.12(1)(A),(B),(F)&(4).

CHARGE III.

On or about February 3, 2011, while employed with Tumbleweed Care Center, Brownfield, Texas, Respondent failed to document the nursing care she provided for Patient Medical Record Number 00897-11 and failed to report the status of the patient to on-coming nursing staff at 6:00 a.m. Walking rounds were required when giving report to visualize each resident which Respondent admitted she did not performed. Respondent's conduct resulted in an incomplete medical record and was likely to deceive subsequent care givers would not have the benefit of the documented information upon which to base their medical care.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §\$217.11(1)(S),(U)&(2) and 217.12(1)(A),(B),(F)&(4).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to revocation of Respondent's license 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 and Tex. Occ. Code Ch. 53. 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, <u>www.bon.state.tx.us</u>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct and on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, for Lying and Falsification, for Fraud, Theft & Deception, and for Sexual Misconduct, which can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.state.tx.us.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html.

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NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Orders which are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Agreed Orders dated March 14, 1995 and June 14, 2002.

Filed this 7th day of July 20 11.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

James W. Johnston, General Counsel

Board Certified - Administrative Law Texas Board of Legal Specialization State Bar No. 10838300

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Attachments:

Order of the Board dated March 14, 1995

Order of the Board dated June 14, 2002

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On this day came to be considered by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners the matter of vocational nurse license number 111988 held by EDNA TAYE STONE, hereinafter called Respondent.

Saspondent 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 angaged in unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that, in the opinion of the Board, is likely to decaive, defraud, or injure the public, in violation of article 45280; Section 10 (a) (9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, in the following manner:

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S. On or short July 31, 1993, Respondent's license to practice socational nursing in the State of Texas expired, and became delinquent on August 1, 1993.

b. Between August 1, 1993 and June 17, 1994, Respondent practiced vocational nursing at University Manor Mursing Rose in Lubbook, Texas without a current Texas vocational nursing license

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Furthermore, Article 4528q, Section 8 (d) states, "15 a person practices vectoral nursing after the person's license has expired, the person is an illustrate practitioner and the Board may suspend or revoke the license".

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 sentioned 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 notarised signature on this order, Respondent does hereby waive the right to a formal Complaint, Notice of Hearing, and a Public Hearing held before the Amademistrative 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 applicates.

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OFDER OF THE SOARD

SEM INTERFORM, IT IS ORDERED that license number 111988, heretofore issued to EDSA FATE STORE, to practice vocational nursing in the Sate of Texas be, and the same is hereby suspended, with said suspension stayed and placed on probation for a period of one (1) year.

The probation of said license is subject to the following stipulations, to wit:

- That if Respondent's place of employment, name, address or telephone number changes, Respondent is to notify the Board office immediately, or no later than ten (10) days after said change has occurred. Said notification shall be in the form of a written letter or report.
- 2. That Respondent shall comply with Federal, State, and local laws, and all the provisions of the Vocational Hurse Act and Rules and Regulations of the Board.
- 3. That by copy of this Board Order, Respondent shall provide notice of Board disciplinary action to his/her nursing employer(s) throughout the term of probation.
- 4. That Respondent shall cause his/her nursing employer(s) to submit satisfactory reports directly to the Board office on a quarterly basis throughout the term of probation.
- 5. That any period(s) of unemployment must be documented in writing by Respondent and submitted to the Board office, as provided in Stipulation No.

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

AGREED BOARD CROKE RE: EDIN PAYE STONE, LVH #111988 PAGE: 4

Dated this the 18 day of December 1712 B 45th Leleboop Tx Area Code and Telephone Number The State of Texas County of Lubbock Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared EDEA FATE STONE, 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 SMORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this the 13th day of Member TO PER PERSON in Library Day 28, 1996 ! THE STATE OF TEXAS Marjorie A. Bronk, RM Agent for the loard of Vocational Nurse Examiners MESCRISED before me, the undersigned authority, on this the ACCESSIVE COLUMN COLUMN

EMDOSSEMBLY OF THE BOARD To The Apress Sourd Order In the metter of Vocational Murse License No. 111988 Issued to Edna Faye Store

At its requiarly called session, on the 14th day of March, 1995, came on to be considered the indicated agreed Board Order pertaining to Edna Paye Stowe. The Board having reviewed the contents of said Order, the Order should be, and is biracy, endorsed as an Order of the Board and made an official act of the Board of Yountional Surse Examiners for the State of Texas.

Seld Order is rendered on this the 14th day of March, 1995.

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accordant copy of the foregoing Order was served by placement in the

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EDMA FAIR STORE
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LUBROCK, TX 79412

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Agent for the Board of Vocational Sures Exeminers

BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSE EXAMINERS VS. EDNA FAYE STOWE

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

AGREED BOARD ORDER

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On this day came to be considered by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners the matter of vocational nurse license number 111988 held by EDNA FAYE STOWE, 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 Board's opinion, is ilkely to deceive, defraud, or injure the public, in violation of Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 302, Section 302.402 (a) (10), in the following manner:

I.

- a. On or about August 2, 2001, Respondent submitted her Licensure Renewal Application to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. On said Application Respondent answered "yes" to the question(s) asking, "Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation since your last renewal?"
- b. On or about March 2, 2000, Respondent was convicted of the Misdemeanor offense of: THEFT, in the County Court of Young County, Texas, under Cause Number 28808. As a result of said conviction Respondent was placed on probation for one (1) year and assessed fines and restitutions of \$596.33.

AGREED BOARD ORDER RE: EDNA FAYE STOWE, LVN #111988 PAGE 2

- c. On or about March 2, 2000, Respondent was convicted of the Misdemeanor offense of: THEFT, in the County Court of Young County, Texas, under Cause Number 28851. As a result of said conviction Respondent was placed on probation for one (1) year and assessed fines and restitutions of \$596,33.
- d. Applicant has been convicted of crimes, which the Board considers to be directly related to the duties and responsibilities of a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Said convictions are inconsistent with the basic duties and responsibilities inherent in the occupation of vocational nursing in that said occupation requires knowledge and familiarity of drugs, and compliance with drug laws.

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.

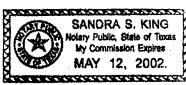
ORDER OF THE BOARD

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that license number 111988, heretofore issued to EDNA FAYE STOWE to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby REPRIMANDED.

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

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Dated this the day of	april , 2002
	Edna Slowe Signature of Respondent
	2005 10th Out 218 Current Address
	Lubback, Tr. 19401 City, State and Zip
	806 928-1309 Area Code and Telephone Number
The State of Texas County of Subbock	·
Before me, the undersigned autho STOWE, who being duly sworn by purpose therein contained, and that	rity, on this day personally appeared EDNA FAYE me stated that he or she executed the above for the he or she understood same.
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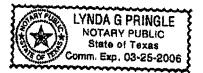
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> Terrie L. Hairston, R.N., C.H.E., Agent for the Board of

Vocational Nurse Examiners

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 300 day of _______, 2002.



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BOARD ORDER

RE: EDNA FAYE STOWE, LVN #111988

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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 15th day of April, 2002 by EDNA FAYE STOWE, license number 111988 and that Said Order is Final.

Effective this 10th day of June, 2002.

ferrie L. Hairston, R.N., C.H.E.,

Executive Director

On Behalf of Said Board

BOARD ORDER RE: EDNA FAYE STOWE, LVN #111988 PAGE 6

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 14th day of June, 2002, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **BOARD ORDER** was served by placement in the U.S. Mail first class mail, and addressed to the following person(s):

EDNA FAYE STOWE 2205 10TH STREET NO. 218 LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79401

Kerrie L. Hairston, R.N., C.H.E.

Executive Director

Agent for the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners

Leal, Noemi

From:

Edna Stowe -

Sent:

Monday, September 12, 2011 4:11 PM

To:

Leal, Noemi

Subject:

Re: Formal Charges

Dear Noemi, I took so long to answer this due to the fact I have to pray about all things. After much prayer and thought; I believe that it would be in my best interest to surrender my license at this point and time. Please let me know what else I'm suppose to do from hear. Tried to call you, Monday without success. Sorry I missed you. Awaiting your answer, Edna Stowe.