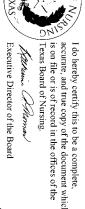
# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of § AGREED Registered Nurse License Number 797698 § Wocational Nurse License Number 191456 § ORDER issued to JAMES ANTHONY MCCLUNG §



On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Bo considered the matter of JAMES ANTHONY MCCLUNG, Registered Nurse License Number 797698 and Vocational Nurse License Number 191456, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on July 25, 2011, 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(s).
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional and vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Army Practical Nurse Course, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, on September 12, 2003 and received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Austin Community College, Austin, Texas, on August 12, 2010. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 28, 2003, and was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 17, 2011.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

| 9/2003 - 12/2003          | Unknown        |   |
|---------------------------|----------------|---|
| 1/2004 - 7/2004           | LVN            | Mariner Health Care<br>Bethesda, Maryland               |
| 8/2004 - 8/2005           | Unknown        |   |
| 9/2005 - 2/2006           | LVN            | Northeast Medical Center<br>Humble, Texas               |
| 3/2006 - 1/2007           | Military LVN   | Landstuhl Regional Medical Center<br>Landstuhl, Germany |
|                           |                |   |
| 2/2007                    | Unknown        |   |
| 2/2007<br>3/2007 - 8/2007 | Unknown<br>LVN | Hermann Memorial Northwest<br>Houston, Texas            |
|                           |                |   |
| 3/2007 - 8/2007           | LVN            | Houston, Texas  South Austin Hospital                   |

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a LVN with South Austin Hospital, Austin, Texas, and had been in this position for one (1) year and nine (9) months.
- 7. On or about June 3, 2009 while working as a LVN at South Austin Hospital, Austin, Texas, Respondent exceeded South Austin Hospital's LVN Scope of Practice by administering four (4) intravenous doses of Ativan, as ordered for seizure activity, to Patient Account # K106996018, who had no documented seizure activity and failed to document wastage of the excess Ativan, as required. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).
- 8. On or about June 8, 2009 while working as a LVN at South Austin Hospital, Austin, Texas, Respondent administered five (5) intravenous doses of Ativan as ordered for Alcohol withdrawal to Patient Account # K107007723, who had no documented withdrawal symptoms. Additionally, Respondent failed to document wastage of any unused portions of Ativan, as required. Respondent's conduct exceeded his scope of practice and was likely to

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- deceive the hospital pharmacy and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).
- On or about June 27, 2009 while working as a LVN at South Austin Hospital, Austin, Texas, withdrew Morphine for Patient Account # K107060838 from the Accudose Medication Dispensing System in excess of the physician's order and failed to document the administration or the medication in the patient's Medication Administration Record (MAR) or Nurses Notes. Additionally, Respondent failed to waste any unused portions of the medication.. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act) and was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would not have correct information on which to base further care decisions.
- 10. On or about June 27, 2009 while working as a LVN at South Austin Hospital, Austin, Texas, Respondent dispensed 25mg Librium for Patient Account # K107057728 and failed to document the administration of the medication in the patient's Medication Administration Record (MAR) or Nurses Notes. Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate medical record and was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would not have correct information on which to base further care decisions.
- In response to Finding of Facts Numbers Seven (7) through Ten (10), Respondent admits exceeding South Austin Hospital's LVN Scope of Practice by administering Ativan IV and failing to document seizure activity and Ativan wastage as required. In response to Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent admits exceeding South Austin Hospital's LVN Scope of Practice by administering Ativan IV and failing to document alcohol withdrawal symptoms or Ativan wastage as required. In response to Finding of Fact Number Nine (9), Respondent admits failing to document the administration or wastage of morphine to Patient Account # K107060838. In response to Finding of Fact Number Ten (10), Respondent admits dispensing 25 mg of Librium and failing to document administration in the medical record. Respondent states scanning patient bands at times resulted in double documentation and undocumented medication administration, including switching over to a new medication computer program without proper training/retraining.

#### 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 violation of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)&(1)(D). and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(3),(4)&(10)(C).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 797698 and Vocational Nurse License Number 191456, heretofore issued to JAMES ANTHONY MCCLUNG, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) 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 RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS, and 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact 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 that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, 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 <u>not</u> 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: <a href="http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in medication administration. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is <u>not</u> 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. The didactic portion of this course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course shall contain a minimum twenty-four (24) hour clinical component which is to be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. In order for the course to be approved, the course's content shall include: a review of proper

administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the five (5) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course to satisfy this stipulation. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor 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.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is <u>not</u> being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length of classroom time. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL cause the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Board's office 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:

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(4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension. In order to receive credit for completion of this program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. Information regarding Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board we bsite additional additional to the state and dress:

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 STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWELVE (12) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) OR A VOCATIONAL NURSE (LVN) LICENSE, AS

# APPROPRIATE, WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

- (5) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license(s). 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) RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as 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 selfemployed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(8) 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) month period for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

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

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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(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

| Signed this |          | of August   | _, 20_1\_ |
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| JAMES A     | ITHONY M | CCLUMG, Res | pondent   |

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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KIM MERRILL

Notary Public

STATE OF TEXAS

My Comm. Exp. 05-08-12

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 20<u>11</u>, by JAMES ANTHONY MCCLUNG, Registered Nurse License Number 797698 and Vocational Nurse License Number 191456, and said Order is final.

Effective this 13th day of September, 20 11.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board