In the Matter of Permanent License Number 215004, Issued to AIMEE MICHELE MUNDAY, Respondent BEFORE THE TEXAS

BOARD OF NURSING



ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

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AIMEE MICHELE MUNDAY 2009 Pinehurst Lane #1109 Mesquite, Texas 75150 I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document where it is on file or is of record in the offices of the Z Texas Board of Nursing.

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A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing was held on March 13, 2012, at : Guadalupe, Room 2-225, Austin, Texas, in which the Temporary Suspension of Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 215004, issued to AIMEE MICHELE MUNDAY was considered pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code. Staff of the Texas Board of Nursing appeared and presented evidence and information concerning the conduct of AIMEE MICHELE MUNDAY and whether her continued practice as a nurse would constitute a continuing and imminent threat to the public welfare.

After review and due consideration of the evidence and information presented, the Board finds that the following charges are substantiated:

On or about December 28, 2011, Respondent became non-compliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of nursing on August 11, 2011. Non-compliance is the result of her failure to comply with all requirements of the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) contract in that Respondent failed to complete the enrollment process in a timely manner. Stipulation Number One (1) of the Order dated August 11, 2011, reads, in pertinent part:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to TPAPN and SHALL, within ninety (90) days following the date of entry of this final order, sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) payable to TPAPN.

The Texas Board of Nursing further finds that, given the nature of the charges concerning her fitness to practice, the continued practice of nursing by AIMEE MICHELE MUNDAY constitutes a continuing and imminent threat to public welfare and that the temporary suspension of Vocational Nurse License No. 215004 is justified pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 215004, issued to AIMEE MICHELE MUNDAY, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY in accordance with Section 301.4551, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a probable cause hearing be conducted in accordance with Section 301.455(c) not later than seventeen (17) days following the date of the entry of this order, and a final hearing on the matter be conducted in accordance with 301.455(d) not later than the 61st day following the date of the entry of this order.

Entered this 13th day of March, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, AIMEE MICHELE MUNDAY, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 215004, 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.

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The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(9)&(11)(B).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s 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. 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, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, which can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

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

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order which is attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Agreed Order dated August 11, 2011.

Filed this 13th day of March, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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Attachments: Order of the Board dated August 11, 2011.

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BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse

AGREED

License Number 215004

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issued to AIMEE MICHELE MUNDAY

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of AIMEE MICHELE MUNDAY, Vocational Nurse License Number 215004, 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 May 25, 2011, 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(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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Concord Career Institute, Arlington, Texas on December 20, 2007. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on February 26, 2008.
- 5. Respondent's complete vocational nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. At the time of the incidents described in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent was in the pre-employment process as a Vocational Nurse with Dallas Nephrology Associates, Dallas.

- 7. On or about April 21, 2009, while applying for employment as a Vocational Nurse with Dallas Nephrology Associates, Dallas, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Morphine in that Respondent produced a positive urine drug screen 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.
- 8. On or about April 29, 2009, while employed as a Vocational Nurse with Dallas Nephrology Associates, Dallas, Texas, Respondent was allowed to submit a urine drug screen to re-test the results of the urine drug screen submitted on April 21, 2001. Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Codeine and Morphine in that Respondent produced a positive urine drug screen for Codeine at 652ng/ml and Morphine at >3,000ng/ml. Possession of Codeine and Morphine is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Codeine and 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.
- 9. The Respondent's conduct described in the preceding Finding of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
- 10. 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.
- 11. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states that she is only admitting to failing both drug screens for Dallas Nephrology Associates and that she did indeed fail both test, but the only substance in her system at the time was heroin, not Morphine or Codeine. Respondent further states that she recognizes that taking any type of medications or drugs not prescribed to her while being a nurse was a bad decision on her part and she was wrong for doing that. Respondent understands the consequences of her actions and has since sought out treatment for her drug use.
- 12. Charges were filed on March 31, 2011.
- 13. Charges were mailed to Respondent on April 1, 2011.
- 14. Respondent's conduct described in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8) resulted from Respondent's impairment by dependency on chemicals.

15. 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)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(10)(A)&(D)&(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 215004, heretofore issued to AIMEE MICHELE MUNDAY, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice 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):

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to TPAPN and SHALL, within ninety (90) days following the date of entry of this final Order, sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) payable to TPAPN.

- (2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Texas Board of Nursing.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas current.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§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 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 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 EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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

Signed this Hay of July, 20 11

AIMEE MICHELE MUNDAY, Responder

Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>Ho</u> day of <u>July</u>

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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 and enter the Agreed Order that was signed on the 26th day of July, 2011, by AIMEE MICHELE MUNDAY, Vocational Nurse License Number 215004, and said Order is final.



Entered and effective this 11th day of August, 2011.

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

of said Board