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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse § AGREED
License Number 773282 §
issued to ADRIANA MCDONALD § ORDER

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

considered the matter of ADRIANA MCDONALD, Registered Nurse License Number 773282, 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 January 17, 2012, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio, on May 1, 2000. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 22, 2009.
5. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history includes:

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| 11/00-07/05 | RN | Cleveland Clinic-South Pointe Hospital Cleveland, Ohio |
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Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history includes (continued):

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| 08/05-02/06 | Unknown | |
| 03/06-07/07 | RN | St. Lucie Medical Center Port St Lucie, Florida |
| 08/07-08/08 | RN | Florida Hospital Waterman Tavares, Florida |
| 08/08-07-09 | RN | Boca Raton Community Hospital Boca Raton, Florida |
| 07/09-10/11 | RN | University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston, Texas |
| 11/11-Present | Unknown | |

6. At the time of the initial incident as stated in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Galveston, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately two (2) years and two (2) months.
7. On or about September 24, 2011, while employed as a Registered Nurse with The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Galveston, Texas, Respondent failed to respect a patient's right to privacy in that Respondent accessed the confidential healthcare records of a co-worker being treated in another area of the hospital. Respondent was not part of the care team assigned to the patient, and had no legitimate need to access the records. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm from disclosure of confidential medical information without the patients written authorization and constitutes a violation of HIPPA (The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act).
8. In Response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states upon noticing a friend/fellow colleague's name, without thinking, she opened the chart, glanced at it briefly; noting the room number, and promptly closed the chart and logged off on Epic. Respondent adds that she then informed her fellow nurses that were sitting at the nurse's station that she was going to the emergency room.

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)(E) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(C)&(11)(B).

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 773282, heretofore issued to ADRIANA MCDONALD, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION WITH A FINE, 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 State of Texas 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 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.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>

(2) 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. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.*

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Patient Privacy," a 5.4 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 website address: <http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.*

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$250). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this. 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.

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 when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, 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 21 day of February, 2012

Adriana McDonald

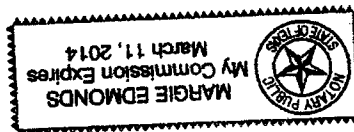
ADRIANA MCDONALD, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of 02, 2012

SEAL

Margie Edmonds

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 ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 21st day of February, 2012, by ADRIANA MCDONALD, Registered Nurse License Number 773282, and said Order is final.



Effective this 24th day of February, 2012.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Katherine A. Thomas'.

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