

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse

§ AGREED

License Number 190334

issued to KATHY ELAINE STREATER

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of KATHY ELAINE STREATER, Vocational Nurse License Number 190334, 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 25, 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Wes Watkins Technical Center, Wetumka, Oklahoma, on July 27, 2001. Respondent was licensed to practice nursing in the State of Texas on September 23, 2003.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

	10/01 - 06/02	LVN	Seminole Medical Center Seminole, Oklahoma
	07/02 - 05/03	LVN	Palliative Hospice Seminole, Oklahoma
· .	05/03 - 06/03	LVN	Wewoka Nursing Center Wewoka, Oklahoma
	07/03 - 11/03	Unknown	
	12/03 - 03/04	LVN	Above All Medical Staffing Odessa, Texas
	04/04 - 12/09	LVN	Infusion Plus/Homecare Plus Midland, Texas
	12/09 - Current	LVN	Encompass Home Health Midland, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as an LVN with Encompass Home Health, Midland, Texas, and had been in this position for two (2) months.
- 7. On or about February 12, 2010, while employed as a home health nurse with Complete Home Care, Midland, Texas, Respondent performed a supra-pubic catheterization change on Patient C.P., without first having the experience and skills to safely perform the procedure, and without obtaining assistance from another nurse experienced and skilled in the procedure. Respondent's conduct may have exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm from a medical complication as a result of improper application of the supra-pubic catheter.
- 8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states, I informed the daughter that this was the first time I had done this procedure and to send someone else to perform the procedure. She said "no" go ahead and do it. I began the removal process and was able to successfully remove the catheter. She indicated absolutely no issue what so ever with the procedure, during or after. I do accept full responsibility for performing a procedure that I have not performed before and realized not that I should have refused to perform it. I will accept any disciplinary action that may be deemed against me.

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)(A)(1)(G)(1)(H)(1)(R)&(1)(T) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)&(4).
- 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 190334, heretofore issued to KATHY ELAINE STREATER, 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, 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.

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.

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 violation 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 <u>20</u> day of <u>March</u>, 20 12.

KATHY ELAINE STREATER Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>20</u> day of <u>March</u>, 20 12.

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My Commission Expires
June 26, 2015

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 20th day of March, 2012, by KATHY ELAINE STREATER, Vocational Nurse License Number 190334, and said Order is final.



Effective this 27th day of March, 2012.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board