### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse

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AGREED

License Number 572281

issued to ANDY LEE HUGHES

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ORDER

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ANDY LEE HUGHES, Registered Nurse License Number 572281, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on February 22, 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 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 Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas, on May 22, 1991. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 26, 1991.
- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

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Unknown

Respondent's professional nursing employment history (continued):

95 - 98	Charge Nurse	Golden Plains Community Hospital Borger, Texas
98 - 99	Registered Nurse	Omega House Houston, Texas
99 - 01	Charge Nurse	Golden Plains Community Hospital Borger, Texas
01 - 04	Charge Nurse	Baylor Medical Center at Garland Garland, Texas
03 - 04	Director of Nursing	Ashford Hall Long Term Care Irving, Texas
04 - Present	Charge Nurse	Baylor Medical Center at Garland Garland, Texas

6. On or about March 12, 2006, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document Registered Nurse to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which Respondent provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that, he answered "No" to the question:

"Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrest (excluding minor traffic violations) since the last renewal? This includes expunged offense and deferred adjudications with or without prejudice of guilt. Please note that DUI's, DWI's, PI's must be report and are not considered minor traffic violations. (one time minor in possession [MIP] or minor in consumption [MIC] do not need to be disclosed, therefore, you may answer "No". If you have two or more MIP's or MIC's, you must answer "Yes".)"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about February 2, 2005, Respondent pled Guilty and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on December 29, 2004, in the County Criminal Court at Law No. 1, Tarrant County, Texas, under Cause No. 0960867. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Tarrant County Jail for a period of thirty-five (35) days, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

- 7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states: He was so afraid of the consequences, he elected not to disclose the incident to the Board.
- 8. Formal Charges were filed on February 8, 2012.
- 9. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on February 9, 2012.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 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.
- The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I).
- 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 572281, heretofore issued to ANDY LEE HUGHES, 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 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 pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. 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.
- (2) 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: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

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 counse! prior to signing this Agreed Order. 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 13 day of Mana, 2012.

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EFF B. MCDONALD, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 28th day of March , 2012.

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 13th day of March, 2012, by ANDY LEE HUGHES, Registered Nurse License Number 572281, and said Order is final.



Effective this 29th day of March, 2012.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board