BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 589955 issued to MARY SKARIAH



ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 589955, issued to MARY SKARIAH, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 2. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received a Diploma in General Nursing from St. George Hospital College of Nursing, Bombay, India, on February 1, 1981. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 23, 1993.
- 4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

03/1981 - 10/1992	Unknown	
11/1992 - 05/1993	RN	Tender Loving Care Home Health Houston, Texas
05/1993 - 06/1995	RN	Parkway Hospital Houston, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

01/1995 - 12/1997	RN	Methodist Hospital Houston, Texas
01/1998 - 03/2002	RN	The Woman's Hospital of Texas Houston, Texas
11/2000 - 04/2002	RN	Triumph Hospital Channelview, Texas
04/2002 - 05/2010	RN	Cornerstone Hospital of Clear Lake Webster, Texas
05/2010 - Present	RN	Clear Lake Rehab Hospital Webster, Texas

5. On or about July 2, 2010, the Board provided notice to Respondent of the following allegation:

On or about April 16, 2010, while employed as a staff nurse with Cornerstone Hospital of Clear Lake, Webster, Texas, Respondent continued to administer an order for Potassium Chloride 20 meq IV every 2 hours to Patient Medical Record Number 27600, even though the physician's order had expired on April 14, 2010 at 1559. The physician's order had not been removed from the patient's medication administration record, as required. Respondent failed to seek clarification from another RN, nursing supervisor or the physician regarding the validity of the order therefore, the patient received an over dosage of Potassium Chloride and had a lab result of a critically high level.

6. On April 16, 2012, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent through her attorney, voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated April 16, 2012, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

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)(C), (1)(N)& (1)(P)and 22 Tex. Admin. Code §217.12(1)(A),(1)(E)&(4).
- 4. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 5. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 6. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.452 (b), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC§§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 589955, heretofore issued to MARY SKARIAH, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title of registered nurse or the abbreviation RN or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
- 3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 18th day of April, 2012.

By:

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

of said Board

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Ms. Kathy Duncan
Enforcement Department
Texas Board of Nursing
333 Guadalupe Street, Ste 3-460
Austin, TX 78701

Re: Mary Skariah, RN

Dear Ms. Duncan:

I am writing you to state that I would like to voluntarily surrender my RN license # 589955. I have had a long and successful career in nursing and find that if I wish to retire as planned in December of this year, I will not be able to comply with the supervision requirements in the order of the Texas Board of Nursing.

I will be giving a two week notice to my work and will not work as an RN after April 12, 16 2012. I am sorry to have to close my career with this type of action, but I find I have no other option.

Please confirm receipt of this letter to my attorney, Joyce Lilly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Via Fax: 512-305-7401

Mary Skariah, RN

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Peter M. Delman Cc Joyce Stamp Lilly via fax 713-583-8999

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December 03, 2013