

IN THE MATTER OF
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE
NUMBER 246173
ISSUED TO
RALPH WAYNE HANSEN

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BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY
AND DISCIPLINARY
COMMITTEE
OF THE TEXAS
BOARD OF NURSING



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.
Patricia A. Roman
Executive Director of the Board

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Ralph Wayne Hansen
2400 Cypress
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee of the Texas Board of Nursing finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license to practice professional vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the

proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 246173, previously issued to RALPH WAYNE HANSEN, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

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

Entered this 14th day of February, 2012.



TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charge filed November 21, 2011.

I certify this to be a true copy of the records on file with the Texas Board of Nursing.

Date: _____


Signed: _____

Re: Permanent Certificate Number 246173
Issued to RALPH WAYNE HANSEN
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 16th day of February, 2012 a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served by placement in the U.S. Mail via certified mail, and addressed to the following person(s):

Ralph Wayne Hansen
2400 Cypress
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

BY: 
KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of Permanent License § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**
Number 246173, Issued to §
RALPH WAYNE HANSEN, Respondent § **BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, RALPH WAYNE HANSEN, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 246173, which is in delinquent 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.

On or about August 19, 2006, Respondent became non-compliant with the Agreed Order issued to him by the Texas Board of Nursing on June 21, 2005. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with Stipulation Number Eleven (11) of the order which reads, in pertinent part:

(11) PETITIONER SHALL, abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose.

A copy of the June 21, 2005, Agreed Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this pleading.

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(11)(B).

CHARGE II.

On or about October 16, 2006, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of CRIMINAL MISCHIEF >\$50<\$500, a Class B Misdemeanor offense committed on January 20, 2006, in the Criminal Court of Law No. 8 of Tarrant, County, Texas, under Cause Number 1009713001. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Tarrant County Jail for a period of fifty (50) days, and was ordered to pay court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

CHARGE III.

On or about March 15, 2007, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED AND FELONY REPETITION, a 3rd Degree Felony offense committed on August 19, 2006, in the Criminal District Court of Law No. 1 of Tarrant County, Texas, under Cause Number 1034058D. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Tarrant County Jail for a period of five (5) years.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3), & (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

CHARGE IV.

On or about September 18, 2010, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to DISORDERLY CONDUCT, a Class B Misdemeanor reduced to class C misdemeanor, in the Criminal Court of Law No. 7 of Tarrant County, Texas, under Cause Number 1161787. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

CHARGE V.

On or about February 10, 2011, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of FAIL TO IDENTIFY GIVING FALSE/FICTITIOUS INFO, a Class B Misdemeanor offense committed on November 12, 2010, in the Criminal Court of Law No. 6 of Tarrant County, Texas, under Cause Number 1220377001. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Tarrant County Jail for a period of seventy (70) days, and was ordered to pay court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

CHARGE VI.

On or about April 14, 2011, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of THEFT OF PROPERTY 50-500, a Class B Misdemeanor offense committed on March 18, 2011, in the County Criminal Court of Law No. 8 of Tarrant County, Texas, under Cause Number 1233581. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Tarrant County Jail for a period of thirty (30) days, and was ordered to pay court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to revocation of Respondent's license 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, and TEX. OCC. CODE Ch. 53. 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.state.tx.us.

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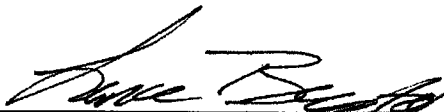
NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct and on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, for Lying and Falsification, and for Fraud, Theft & Deception, which can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.state.tx.us.

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

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Orders which are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Agreed Order dated June 1, 1996, August 10, 2004, and June 21, 2005.

Filed this 21st day of November, 2011.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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Attachments: Order of the Board dated June 1, 1996, August 10, 2004, and June 21, 2005.
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Permanent Certificate §
Number 246173 issued to §
RALPH W. HANSEN §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

To: RALPH W. HANSEN
 P. O. Box 1369
 Hurst, Texas 76053

On this day, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of professional nurse license number 246173, issued to RALPH W. HANSEN, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Article 4525.1(c), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice was provided to Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license.
2. Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas is currently in Voluntary Surrender status.
3. While working as a Registered Nurse at Medical City Dallas Hospital, Dallas, Texas, Respondent tested positive for Morphine Sulfate on a urine specimen collected on September 27, 1993.

4. On or about February 24, 1995, Respondent, owner of United Nursing Services of America, Euless, Texas, borrowed the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4500.00) from V.H., a client of United Nursing Services of America.
5. On or about April 3, 1995, Respondent, owner of the United Nursing Services of America, Euless, Texas, borrowed the sum of one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1400.00) from V.H., a client of United Nursing Services of America.
6. On November 11, 1995, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of alcohol while he was subject to duty and call.
7. On November 29, 1995, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of alcohol while he was subject to duty and call.
8. In a deposition given on January 23, 1996, Respondent stated that his sobriety date was September 27, 1993.
9. Respondent submitted a notarized statement and professional nurse license number 246173, to the Board voluntarily surrendering the right to practice professional nursing in Texas.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Article 4525, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. Under Article 4525.1(c), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
4. Under Article 4525.1(d), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of license number 246173, heretofore issued to RALPH W. HANSEN to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Board of Nurse Examiners. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT submit a petition for reinstatement until five (5) years have elapsed from the date of this Order.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL submit proof of five (5) consecutive years of sobriety and current fitness to safely practice professional nursing in support of any subsequent petition for reinstatement.
3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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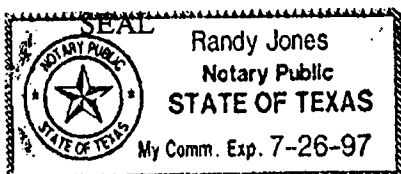
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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. By my signature on this order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Agreed Sanctions, and any stipulation of this order to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I consent to the issuance of the Agreed Sanctions. I waive judicial review of this order. I understand that when the signed and notarized order is received in the office of the Board, the terms of this order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 3 day of JUNE, 1996

Ralph W. Hansen
RALPH W. HANSEN


Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of June, 1996.



[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners
for the State of Texas does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of nursing license number 246173,
previously issued to RALPH W. HANSEN.

Effective this 10th day of June, 19 96.



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

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of License Number 246173 § REINSTATEMENT
issued to RALPH W. HANSEN § AGREED ORDER

On this day came to be considered by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, the Petition for Reinstatement of registered nurse license number 246173, held by RALPH W. HANSEN, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

An informal conference was held on June 29, 2004, at the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code.

Petitioner appeared in person. Petitioner was notified of his right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel. In attendance were Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director; Elizabeth Higginbotham, RN, JD, Assistant General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ, Director of Enforcement; and Diane E. Burell, Investigator.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license.
2. Petitioner waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
3. Petitioner received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas, on December 1, 1978. Petitioner was originally licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 28, 1979.
4. Petitioner's professional employment history included:

1978 - 1981	GN/Agency Nurse	Staffing Agencies Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas
1979 - 1981	Staff Nurse	Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Texas

Petitioner's employment history continued:

1981 - 1982	CEO/Director of Nursing Svcs.	Blue Danube Nursing Service, Inc. Arlington, Texas
1982 - 1984	Anesthesia Student/Staff Nurse	Wichita General Hospital Wichita, Texas
1984 - 1996	CEO/Director of Nursing Svcs.	United Nursing Services of America Fort Worth, Texas
1990 - 1992	Founder	Quality of Life, Inc. Arlington, Texas
1996- present	Not employed in nursing	

5. On June 1, 1996, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of Petitioner's license to practice professional nursing. A copy of the June 1, 1996, Order of the Board, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as a part of this Order.
6. On or about February 10, 2004, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of License to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
7. Petitioner presented the following in support of his petition:
 - 7.1. Judgment and Sentence for the charge of Driving While Intoxicated, Case No. 606135, issued September 3, 1996, by the County Court of Law No. 1 of Bexar County, Texas. Petitioner was sentenced to one hundred eighty (180) days confinement in Bexar County jail and twenty-four (24) months probation. Petitioner was terminated from community supervision on October 30, 1998.
 - 7.2. Judgment and Sentence for the charge of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class B Misdemeanor, Case No. MB95-67454-B, issued November 20, 1996, by the County Criminal Court #2 of Dallas County, Texas. Petitioner was sentenced to sixty (60) days confinement in Dallas County jail and twenty-four (24) months probation.
 - 7.3. Judgment and Sentence for the charge of Driving While Intoxicated, Case No. M-3740, issued January 22, 1997, by the County Court of Falls County, Texas. Petitioner was sentenced to ninety (90) days confinement in County jail and twenty-four (24) months probation. Petitioner was discharged from probation on December 30, 1999.

- 7.4. Judgment and Sentence for the charge of Driving While Intoxicated, Case No.0652968, issued August 21, 1997, by the County Criminal Court #10, Tarrant County, Texas. Petitioner was sentenced to one hundred fifty (150) days of confinement and twenty-four (24) months probation.
- 7.5. Deferred Adjudication judgment for the charge of Indecent Exposure, Case No. MB9832238B, issued August 3, 1998, by the County Criminal Court #2 of Dallas County, Texas. Petitioner was sentenced to twelve (12) months probation.
- 7.6. Judgment and Sentence for the charge of Driving While Intoxicated, Case No. F-0140634-HU, issued October 29, 2001, by the 291st Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas. Petitioner was sentenced to twenty-four (24) months probation. Petitioner was discharged from probation on October 29, 2003.
- 7.7. Letter, dated January 25, 2004, written by Newton C. Galusha, MD, Internal Medicine and Addiction, Northeast Tarrant Internal Medicine, Euless, Texas. Dr. Galusha states he has treated Petitioner for greater than ten (10) years and had contact with Petitioner during his treatments for polydrug dependence and his personal struggles with his divorce. Dr. Galusha has continued to see Petitioner more recently for his every day medical problems including hyperlipidemia. In addition, he has had significant chronic pain, which has been managed with acupuncture, injections and medication. Over the last several years, Petitioner has been highly motivated toward recovery and Dr. Galusha believes that there has been a sincere change in his attitude and lifestyle. Petitioner has attended 12-step meetings on a daily basis and has been an active participant in the recovery community at Springwood. He has a sponsor and apparently uses that sponsor on a regular and constructive basis. It is Dr. Galusha's opinion that Petitioner has achieved remission of his chemical dependency and is currently working a very positive, structured and constructive recovery program.
- 7.8. Letter, dated October 25, 2001, written by Sandra Smith, LCDC, Mental Health and Mental Retardation of Tarrant County (MHMRTC), Fort Worth, Texas. Ms. Smith states Petitioner was a client in the Supportive Outpatient Program of the MHMRTC Harmon Road, Addiction Recovery Center. He successfully completed the program and his prognosis was good. His attendance was excellent, he had a high level of participation and was a positive influence on other group members. In addition, Petitioner attended a 12-step support group and was a sponsor. He enrolled in the DWI Intervention Program, which began November 14, 2001, and lasted for fifteen (15) sessions. Upon completion of the course, Petitioner accepted the recommendation to return to outpatient treatment along with continued participation in AA.

- 7.9. Letter, dated February 15, 2000, written by Geetha Reddy, MD, Staff Psychiatrist, Mental Health and Mental Retardation of Tarrant County (MHMRTC), Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. Reddy states Petitioner was a client with MHMRTC since May 6, 1996. He was diagnosed with Major Depression and Polysubstance Dependence in remission.
- 7.10. Letter, dated February 3, 1999, written by Marie Huggett, LCDC, Primary Counselor, Harris Methodist. Ms. Huggett states Petitioner was admitted to Harris Methodist Springwood's Partial Hospital Program (PHP) for chemical dependency on June 9, 1997, under the care of Newton Galusha, MD. Petitioner was discharged on June 27, 1997. While in treatment, Petitioner participated in groups relating to chemical dependency and the recovery process. He understood that in order not to experience any alcohol/drug related difficulties he must refrain from using any mood/mind altering chemicals. During the treatment phase, Petitioner was compliant with all treatment goals and objectives and remained alcohol/drug free which was evidenced by random Urine Drug Screens (UDS) and breathalysers. Upon discharge, the recommendation was made that Petitioner should attend Continuing Care meetings at Springwood twice a week for six (6) months and then at least once a week for approximately one and a half years for a total of two (2) years. Regular AA meetings were encouraged during this phase.
- 7.11. Letter of support, dated March 27, 2002, from John Finscannon, Divisional Manager, Silverleaf Resorts, Inc. Mr. Finscannon states that Petitioner's relentless dedicated professional attitude and work ethics in his full time position that included some mandatory Saturdays, allowed myself and the highest management levels at Silverleaf Resorts to immediately evaluate his performance starting with his initial orientation. It is without hesitation that Mr. Finscannon offers his highest recommendation for his reactivation .
- 7.12. Letter of support, dated March 9, 2001, written by Robert Lynch, Dean, University of Dallas, Graduate School of Management, Irving, Texas. Mr. Lynch states he served as Petitioner's advisor in assisting him in course selections, research projects and career planning. Mr. Lynch states that Petitioner is an intelligent individual who is highly motivated in his endeavors. He displayed a keen interest in applying course content to his practical experience and professional responsibilities. His course participation, along with his practical experience, also served to inspire other students in the program to share in their interests and experiences. Petitioner has expressed a strong interest and commitment in furthering his professional education, while also furthering his career. His professional experience, abilities and motivation will provide him with essential qualities for pursuing new and challenging opportunities.

- 7.13. Letter of support, dated May 30, 2002, written by Mill Souder, Mayor, City of Hurst, Texas. Mr. Souder states Petitioner has been a valued citizen of the community since 1995. Mr. Souder has visited with Petitioner on several occasions when he expressed his pride and dedication to his seventeen (17) year career as a nurse, and can assure his enthusiastic support for his reinstatement and his continued success in nursing.
- 7.14. Letter of support, dated October 24, 2003, written by Colby Brown, Supervision Officer, CS/CD Central Office, Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Brown states Petitioner has been under his supervision for approximately two (2) years, and "would without hesitation believe that he assumes total responsibility for his previous mistakes and shortcomings." He has completed all court ordered directives for his DWI conviction in more than a timely manner. Mr. Brown recommends Petitioner for reinstatement.
- 7.15. Letter of support, dated November 13, 2003, written by Marie Hugget, LCDC. Ms. Hugget states she has had the opportunity to observe Petitioner in a recovery setting for several years. During that time, he demonstrated a high level of motivation to utilize his recovery tools to be a responsible member of society. He attended 12-step meetings on a daily basis over the past few years which is evident by daily documentation of his attendance. He is an active member in the recovery community and participates in his recovery.
- 7.16. Letter of support, dated March 12, 2004, written by Dan Angell, Hurst, Texas. Mr. Angell states he has known Petitioner approximately four (4) years through AA in Hurst, Texas. "It is a daily privilege to be a part of his active recovery program as his AA Sponsor for the last year and a half at Mid Cities AA. Petitioner's consent and vigorous honesty before, during and after his Fourth Step has left no stone unturned in developing and strengthening his spiritual foundation with God. Sharing his strengths, hopes and experience in private with newcomers; as well as his being an occasional Chairperson/Speaker for the group, Petitioner remains a refreshing source from a professional with many years in healthcare."
- 7.17. Drug screens collected April 1, 2004, and November 12, 2003, both with negative results.
- 7.18. Support Group attendance sheets dating from March 2001, through April 2004.
- 7.19. Verification of successful completion of thirty (30) Type I Continuing Education Contact Hours.
8. Petitioner gives October 29, 2001, as his date of sobriety.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. 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.
3. Pursuant to Section 301.467, Texas Occupations Code, the Board may refuse to issue or renew a license, and may set a reasonable period that must lapse before reapplication. Pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that a Petitioner must satisfy before reissuance of an unrestricted license.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that the petition of RALPH W. HANSEN, license number 246173, to practice professional nursing in the state of Texas, be and the same is hereby GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS SO LONG AS THE PETITIONER complies in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *et. seq.* and the stipulations contained in this Order:

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Petitioner's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Petitioner's license is encumbered by this Order, Petitioner may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Petitioner wishes to work.

(1) PETITIONER SHALL NOT seek employment or practice nursing for compensation until he has completed the following pre-licensure conditions and obtained a license to practice professional nursing from the Board.

(2) PETITIONER SHALL successfully complete a nursing refresher course prior to returning to the practice of professional nursing in the State of Texas. PETITIONER SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course content shall include: 1) the role of the professional nurse; 2) a review of the nursing process to include assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation; 3) Pharmacology review; 4) medication administration review for all standard route of administration; 5) documentation, quality assurance and legal implications for nursing practice; and 6) current CPR certification. This course must contain a minimum 24-hour clinical component, providing direct patient care, which is to be supervised by another registered nurse.

(3) Upon completion of the refresher course, PETITIONER SHALL return the clinical permit to the office of the Board, and PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to notify the Board, on a form provided by the Board, of Petitioner's successful completion of the refresher course, including the required clinical component.

(4) Upon verification of successful completion of the agreed pre-licensure conditions of reinstatement, as set out in this Order, PETITIONER SHALL pay all re-registration fees and be issued a Limited License to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, which shall bear the appropriate notation. Said license issued to RALPH W. HANSEN, shall be subject to the following agreed post-licensure stipulations:

(5) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of relicensure, successfully complete a course in nursing jurisprudence. PETITIONER SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience must include registered nurses. It must be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, and documentation of care. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. PETITIONER 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 PETITIONER's successful completion of the course. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. *Board-approved courses can be found on the Board's website www.bne.state.tx.us (under BNE events).*

(6) While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL NOT provide direct patient care. For the purposes of this Order, direct patient care involves a personal relationship between the RN and the client, and includes, but is not limited to: teaching, counseling, assessing the client's needs and strengths, and providing skilled nursing care.

(7) SHOULD PETITIONER desire to return to a clinical practice setting, which would require him to provide direct patient care, PETITIONER SHALL petition the Board for such approval.

PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Reinstatement Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Petition for Reinstatement of Licensure, has been in conformity with the Board's professional character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past behavior in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of convictions, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

I have reviewed this Order. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to reinstating my license to practice professional nursing in the state of Texas. 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 to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 8th day of July, 2004.

Ralph W. Hansen
RALPH W. HANSEN, Petitioner


Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of July, 2004.

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[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Reinstatement Agreed Order that was signed on the 8th day of July, 2004, by RALPH W. HANSEN, license number 246173, and said Order is final.

Effective this 10th day of August, 2004.


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

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Registered Nurse §
License Number 246173 § AGREED
issued to RALPH WAYNE HANSEN § ORDER

An Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee meeting was held on May 10, 2005, at the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners, in accordance with Section 301.464 of the Texas Occupations Code.

Petitioner appeared in person. Petitioner was notified of his right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel. Board members in attendance were Deborah Bell, CLU, ChFC; Rachel Gomez, LVN; and George Buchenau, Jr., BSN, RN, MBA. Staff present were Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director; James W. Johnston, General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ, Director, Enforcement Division; Ryan Sprott, Legal Assistant; and Diane E. Burell, Investigator.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
2. Petitioner is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
3. Petitioner received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas, on December 1, 1978. Petitioner was originally licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 28, 1979.
4. Petitioner's professional nursing employment history includes:

1978 - 1981	GN/Agency Nurse	Staffing Agencies Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas
1979 - 1981	Staff Nurse	Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Texas

Petitioner's professional nursing employment history continued:

1981 - 1982	CEO/Director of Nursing Services	Blue Danube Nursing Service, Inc. Arlington, Texas
1982 - 1984	Anesthesia Student/ Staff Nurse	Wichita General Hospital Wichita Falls, Texas
1984 - 1996	CEO/Director of Nursing Services	United Nursing Services of America Fort Worth, Texas
1990 - 1995	Founder	Quality of Life, Inc. Arlington, Texas
1996 - present	Not employed in nursing	

5. On June 1, 1996, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of Petitioner's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas. A copy of the June 1, 1996, Order of the Board, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
6. On August 10, 2004, Petitioner's license to practice professional nursing was reinstated and he was issued an Agreed Order by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, prohibiting his ability to practice professional nursing in a direct patient care setting. A copy of the August 10, 2004, Agreed Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference as part of this Order.
7. On or about March 12, 2005, Petitioner submitted a request for an Exception to his Board Order for Registered Nurse License Number 246173 to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas. Specifically, Petitioner requested that the "no direct patient care" restriction be removed.
8. On February 21, 2005, Petitioner completed a Board approved course in Nursing Jurisprudence.

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. Pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that a Petitioner must satisfy before reissuance of an unrestricted license.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that the petition of RALPH WAYNE HANSEN, Registered Nurse license number 246173, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, be and the same is hereby GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS SO LONG AS THE PETITIONER complies in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *et seq.* and this Order.

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Petitioner's license is encumbered by this Order, Petitioner may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Petitioner wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) PETITIONER SHALL deliver the wallet-sized license issued to RALPH WAYNE HANSEN, to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of the date of ratification of this Order for appropriate notation.

(2) PETITIONER SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. PETITIONER SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Board of Nurse Examiners in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD PETITIONER PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, PETITIONER SHALL BE UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR TWO (2) YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT. PETITIONER SHALL WORK A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS A MONTH FOR TWENTY-FOUR (24) CONSECUTIVE MONTHS. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A RN LICENSE WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD.

(3) PETITIONER SHALL notify all future employers in professional nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on PETITIONER's license. PETITIONER SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.

(4) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a professional nurse.

(5) For the first year of employment as a Registered Nurse under this Order, PETITIONER SHALL be directly supervised by a Registered Nurse. Direct supervision requires another professional nurse to be working on the same unit as PETITIONER and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. PETITIONER SHALL work only on regularly

assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). The PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(6) For the remainder of the stipulation period, PETITIONER SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as PETITIONER, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the PETITIONER is currently working. PETITIONER SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(7) PETITIONER SHALL NOT practice as a professional nurse on the night shift, rotate shifts, work overtime, accept on-call assignments, or be used for coverage on any unit other than the identified, predetermined unit(s) to which PETITIONER is regularly assigned for one (1) year of employment as a professional nurse.

(8) PETITIONER SHALL NOT practice as a professional nurse in any critical care area for one (1) year of employment as a professional nurse. Critical care areas include, but are not limited to, intensive care units, emergency rooms, operating rooms, telemetry units, recovery rooms, and labor and delivery units.

(9) PETITIONER SHALL NOT administer or have any contact with controlled substances, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates for one (1) year of employment as a professional nurse.

(10) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, periodic reports as to PETITIONER's capability to practice professional nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Registered Nurse who supervises the PETITIONER. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) months for two (2) years of employment as a professional nurse.

(11) PETITIONER SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed, PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the licensed practitioner to submit a written report identifying the medication, dosage and the date the medication was prescribed. The report shall be submitted directly to the office of the Board by the prescribing practitioner, within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription. In the event that prescriptions for controlled substances are required for periods of two (2) weeks or longer, the Board may require and PETITIONER SHALL submit to an evaluation by a Board approved physician specializing in Pain Management or Psychiatry. The performing evaluator will submit a written report to the Board's office, including results of the evaluation, clinical indications for the prescriptions, and recommendations for on-going treatment within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.

(12) PETITIONER SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol. For the first three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per week. For the second three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per month. For the remainder of the stipulation period, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) months.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances:

Amphetamines	Meperidine
Barbiturates	Methadone
Benzodiazepines	Methaqualone
Cannabinoids	Opiates
Cocaine	Phencyclidine
Ethanol	Propoxyphene
tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)	

A Board representative may appear at the PETITIONER's place of employment at any time during the stipulation period and require PETITIONER to produce a specimen for screening.

All screens shall be properly monitored and produced in accordance with the Board's policy on Random Drug Testing. A complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each specimen obtained and analyzed. PETITIONER SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the stipulation period.

Any positive result for which the nurse does not have a valid prescription will be regarded as non-compliance with the terms of this Order and may subject the nurse to further disciplinary action by this Board.

(13) PETITIONER SHALL attend at least two (2) support group meetings each week, one of which shall be for substance abuse; and PETITIONER SHALL provide acceptable evidence of attendance. Acceptable evidence shall consist of a written record of at least: the date of

each meeting; the name of each group attended; and the signature and printed name of the chairperson of each group attended by PETITIONER. PETITIONER SHALL submit the required evidence on the forms provided by the Board at the end of every three (3) months. No duplications, copies, third party signatures, or any other substitutions will be accepted as evidence.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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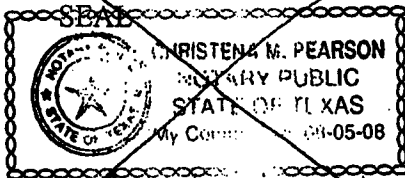
PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel 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 this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, 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 to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

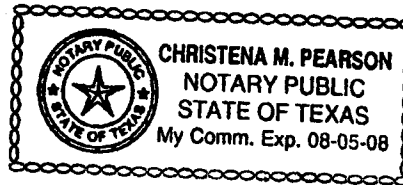
Signed this 27 day of May, 20 05.

Ralph Wayne Hansen
RALPH WAYNE HANSEN, Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of May, 20 05.



Christena Pearson
Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 27th day of May, 2005, by RALPH WAYNE HANSEN, Registered Nurse License Number 246173, and said Order is final.

Effective this 21st day of June, 2005.



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