IN THE MATTER OF	§ 8	BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE	\$ \$	AND DISCIPLINARY
NUMBERS 152618 & 660478	8 8	COMMITTEE
ISSUED TO	8 8	OF THE TEXAS
STACEY LYNN NORMAN	§ §	BOARD OF NURSING

# Executive Director of the Board ORDER OF THE BOARD

Stacey Lynn Norman TO: 2712 81st Street

Lubbock, Texas 79423

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on February 14, 2012, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case. This case was heard, and 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 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 § 213.2(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 Numbers 152618 and 660478, previously issued to STACEY LYNN NORMAN, to practice vocational and professional nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same are hereby, REVOKED.

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

Entered this 14th day of February, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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BY:

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

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

	I hereby certify that on the	<u>16th</u>	day of _	February	, 2012	2_, a true ar	nd correct
сору	of the foregoing DEFAULT	ORDER w	vas served	by placemen	it in the U	.S. Mail via	certified
mail,	and addressed to the following	ng person(	s):				

STACEY LYNN NORMAN 2712 81<sup>st</sup> Street Lubbock, Texas 79423

BY:

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

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse License	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
Number 152618, and Registered Nurse	§	
License Number 660478, Issued to	§	
STACEY LYNN NORMAN, Respondent	§	<b>BOARD OF NURSING</b>

#### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, STACEY LYNN NORMAN, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 152618, which is in delinquent status at the time of this pleading, and a Registered Nurse holding license number 660478, which is in current 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 September 17, 2010, while employed with Southern Specialty Rehabilitation and Nursing, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Methamphetamine in that she produced a specimen for a drug screen which resulted positive for Methamphetamine. Possession of Methamphetamine is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Methamphetamine by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signed, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(10)(A),(10)(D)&(11)(B).

#### CHARGE II.

On or about September 17, 2010, while employed with Southern Specialty Rehabilitation and Nursing, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 11, 2007, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with Stipulation Number Fourteen (14) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(14) RESPONDENT 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 May 11, 2007, Agreed Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this pleading.

### CHARGE III.

On or about November 23, 2010, while employed with Littlefield Hospitality, Littlefield, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 8, 2007, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Fifteen (15) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

#### CHARGE IV.

On or about November 29, 2010, while employed with Littlefield Hospitality, Littlefield, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 8, 2007, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Fifteen (15) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

#### CHARGE V.

On or about December 6, 2010, while employed with Littlefield Hospitality, Littlefield, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 8, 2007, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Fifteen (15) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

#### CHARGE VI.

On or about December 14, 2010, while employed with Littlefield Hospitality, Littlefield, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 8, 2007, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Fifteen (15) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

#### CHARGE VII.

On or about January 5, 2011, while employed with Littlefield Hospitality, Littlefield, Texas, Respondent's failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 8, 2007, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Fifteen (15) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

#### CHARGE VIII.

On or about January 26, 2011, while employed with Littlefield Hospitality, Littlefield, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 8, 2007, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Fifteen (15) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

#### CHARGE IX.

On or about February 17, 2011, while employed with Littlefield Hospitality, Littlefield, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 8, 2007, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Fifteen (15) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

#### CHARGE X.

On or about February 22, 2011, while employed with Littlefield Hospitality, Littlefield, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 8, 2007, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Fifteen (15) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

#### CHARGE XI.

On or about March 8, 2011, while employed with Littlefield Hospitality, Littlefield, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 8, 2007, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Fifteen (15) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

#### CHARGE XII.

On or about April 18, 2011, while employed with Littlefield Hospitality, Littlefield, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 8, 2007, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Fifteen (15) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

#### CHARGE XIII.

On or about May 3, 2011, while employed with Littlefield Hospitality, Littlefield, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 8, 2007, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Fifteen (15) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

#### CHARGE XIV.

On or about June 1,2011, while employed with Littlefield Hospitality, Littlefield, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 8, 2007, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Fifteen (15) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

#### CHARGE XV.

On or about July 13, 2011, while employed with Littlefield Hospitality, Littlefield, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 8, 2007, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Fifteen (15) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

#### CHARGE XVI.

On or about August 30, 2011, while employed with Littlefield Hospitality, Littlefield, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 8, 2007, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Fifteen (15) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s 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, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, which can be found at the Board's website, <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html">www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html</a>.

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 May 23, 2006, and Agreed Order issued May 11, 2007.

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day of September, 2011

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Attachments:

Agreed Order dated May 23, 2006.

Agreed Order issued May 11, 2007.

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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 660478 and Vocational	§ <b>\$</b>	AGREED ORDER
Nurse License Number 152618	8	O1CD ZIK
issued to STACEY LYNN NORMAN	§	

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of STACEY LYNN NORMAN, Registered Nurse License Number 660478 and Vocational Nurse License Number 152618, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on November 29, 2006, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

#### 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.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is currently in delinquent status. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Howard College, Big Spring, Texas, on May 25, 1995. Respondent became licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on June 28, 1995. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from South Plains College, Levelland, Texas, on May 1, 1999. Respondent originally became licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 15, 1999.

- 5. Respondent's vocational and professional nursing employment history is unknown.
- On May 23, 2006, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas which required her to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN). A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated May 23, 2006, is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
- 7. On or about August 8, 2006, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on May 23, 2006, by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. Non-compliance is a result of the Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number One (1) which states in pertinent part:

"RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to and be accepted into the TPAPN, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) payable to TPAPN."

- 8. On or about September 1, 2006, while seeking employment with Community Access Inc., Lubbock, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of amphetamine and methamphetamine in that Respondent submitted a specimen for a drug screen which resulted positive for amphetamine and methamphetamine. Possession of Amphetamines and Methamphetamine is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Amphetamines and Methamphetamine by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
- 9. 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.

#### 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 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(9)&(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 660478 and Licensed Vocational Nurse Number 152618, heretofore issued to STACEY LYNN NORMAN, including revocation of Respondent's professional and vocational licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

#### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that Registered Nurse License Number 660478 and Licensed Vocational Nurse Number 152618, previously issued to STACEY LYNN NORMAN, to practice professional and vocational nursing in Texas is hereby SUSPENDED and said suspension is enforced until Respondent completes a treatment program approved by the Board, provides documentation of successful completion, and has obtained twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety. Any relapse prior to the completion of the twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety will result in an extension of the enforced suspension until such twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety and additional treatment have been attained.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Numbers 660478 and 152618 previously issued to STACEY LYNN NORMAN, upon receipt of this Order, be immediately delivered to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate privilege, if any, to practice professional and/or vocational nursing in compact states.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's licenses are encumbered by this order the Respondent 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 Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, upon verification of successful completion of the approved treatment program and twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety as set out in this Order, the Suspension will be stayed, and RESPONDENT will be placed on probation for three (3) years with the following agreed terms of probation:

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL comply 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.
- (2) RESPONDENT SHALL pay all re-registration fees, if applicable, and be issued a license to practice professional and/or vocational nursing in the State of Texas with the appropriate notation.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of the suspension being stayed. 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.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the suspension being stayed, successfully complete a course in nursing jurisprudence. RESPONDENT 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 shall include Nurses. It shall 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. 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 can be found on the Board's website www.bne.state.tx.us (under BNE events).

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the suspension being stayed, successfully complete a course in nursing ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: principles of nursing ethics; confidentiality; and professional boundaries. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to verify RESPONDENT'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 may be found on the Board's website www.bne.state.tx.us (under BNE events).

REGISTERED NURSE AND/OR LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROBATION CONDITIONS FOR THREE (3) YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED.

PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) LICENSE AND/OR VOCATIONAL NURSE LICENSE (LVN) WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS PROBATIONARY PERIOD:

- (6) RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in professional and vocational nursing of this Order of the Board and the probation conditions on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT 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.
- (7) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer in professional and vocational nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a professional and/or vocational nurse.
- (8) For the first year of employment as a Registered Nurse and/or Licensed Vocational Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly supervised by a Registered Nurse. Direct supervision requires another professional nurse to be working on the same unit as RESPONDENT and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. RESPONDENT SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). The RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

- (9) For the remainder of the probation period, RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse who is on the premises. The supervising RN is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising RN shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- (10) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a professional and/or vocational nurse on the night shift, rotate shifts, work overtime, accept on-call assignments, or be used for coverage on anyunit other than the identified, predetermined unit(s) to which Respondent is regularly assigned for one (1) year of employment as a professional and/or vocational nurse.
- (11) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a professional and/or vocational nurse in any critical care area for one (1) year of employment as a professional and/or vocational 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.
- (12) RESPONDENT 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 and/or vocational nurse.
- (13) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT's capability to practice professional and/or vocational nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Registered Nurse

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who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising Registered Nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) months for three (3) years of employment as a professional and/or vocational nurse.

(14) RESPONDENT 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, RESPONDENT 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 RESPONDENT 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.

(15) RESPONDENT 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 probation period, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) months.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances:

Amphetamines
Barbiturates

Benzodiazepines

Meperidine

Methadone

Methaqualone

Cannabinoids

Cocaine

Opiates

Phencyclidine

Ethanol

Propoxyphene

tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)

A Board representative may appear at the RESPONDENT's place of employment at any time during the probation period and require RESPONDENT 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. RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the probation 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.

(16) RESPONDENT SHALL participate in therapy with a "professional counselor" possessing credentials approved by the Board. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the therapist to submit written reports, on forms provided by the Board, as to the RESPONDENT's progress in therapy, rehabilitation and capability to safely practice professional and/or vocational nursing. The report must indicate whether or not the RESPONDENT's stability is sufficient to provide direct patient care safely. Such reports are to be furnished each and every month for three (3) months. If therapy is recommended for beyond three (3) months, the reports shall then be required at the end of each three (3) month period for the duration of the probation period, or until RESPONDENT is dismissed from therapy.

(17) RESPONDENT SHALL attend at least two (2) support group meetings each week, one of which shall be for substance abuse; and RESPONDENT 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 RESPONDENT. RESPONDENT 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 and ORDERED that if during the period of probation, an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against the Respondent's licenses, the probationary period shall not expire and shall automatically be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

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

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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 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 licenses to practice professional and/or vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 6 day of April , 2007.

STACEY LYNN NORMAN Remondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_

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G, CULLUM, III My Commission Expires February 14, 2008 Notary Public in and for the State of \_\_\_\_\_

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the
tate of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 8th day o
May , 2007 , by STACEY LYNN NORMAN, Registered Nurse License Number
60478 and Vocational Nurse License Number 152618, and said Order is final.
Effective this 11th day of May, 2007.
Harry Ca Chum-
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 § AGREED Number 660478 and Vocational § ORDER Nurse License Number 152618 § issued to STACEY LYNN NORMAN §

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of STACEY LYNN NORMAN, Registered Nurse License Number 660478 and Vocational Nurse License Number 152618, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on April 4, 2006, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, 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.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing is currently in delinquent status. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Howard College, Big Spring, Texas, on May 25, 1995. Respondent originally became licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on June 28, 1995. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from South Plains College, Levelland, Texas, on May 1, 1999. Respondent originally became licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 15, 1999.

- 5. Respondent's vocational and professional nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about November 22, 2004, Respondent was charged with the offense "Assault Causes Bodily Injury," a Class A Misdemeanor, in the Hockley County, Texas, County Court at Law, Cause Number 36460.
- 7. On or about January 30, 2005, Respondent was arrested and charged with the offense "Driving While Intoxicated," a Class B Misdemeanor, in the Lubbock County, Texas, County Court at Law, Cause Number 2005-493213.
- 8. On or about January 30, 2005, Respondent was arrested and charged with the offense "Possession of a Dangerous Drug," a Class A Misdemeanor, in Lubbock County, Texas.
- Respondent states that on February 2005, she completed a two week inpatient psychiatric program at Sunrise Canyon Hospital in Lubbock, Texas. Respondent was diagnosed with bi-polar disorder, released in March 2005, and is currently being treated with Depakote.
- 10. The Respondent's conduct described in the preceding Findings of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
- 11. Respondent's conduct described in Findings of Fact Numbers six (6), seven (7), and eight (8) resulted from mental illness.
- 12. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

#### 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. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(10)(12), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13)(as amended September 28, 2004).
- 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 660478 and Vocational Nurse License Number 152618, heretofore issued to STACEY LYNN NORMAN, including revocation of Respondent's professional and vocational licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

5. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

#### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT, in lieu of the sanction of Revocation under Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to and be accepted into the TPAPN, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) payable to TPAPN.
- (2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN contract to the Board of Nurse Examiners.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN contract during its term.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Board of Nurse Examiners of any violation of the TPAPN contract.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§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 Respondent's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional and/or vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license is encumbered by this Order, Respondent 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 Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including revocation of Respondent's license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional and/or vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

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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. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions One (1) through Four (4) of this Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners, 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 licenses to practice professional and vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 20 day of April , 2006.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of

Notary Public in and for the State of

WHEREFO	RE PREMISES CON	SIDERED, t	he Executive Director,	on behalf of th
Board of Nurse Examiners	for the State of Texas,	does hereby	accept and enter the Ag	greed Order tha
was signed on the 20th	day ofApril	, 20 <u>06</u>	, by STACEY LYN	IN NORMAN
Registered Nurse License N	Number 660478 and V	ocational Nu	arse License Number 1:	52618, and said
Order is final.	•			
	Entered and effect	ive this <u>23</u> 1	rd day of <u>May</u>	_, 2006
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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN Executive Director on behalf of said Board