BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING





In the Matter of Registered Nurse

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License Number 774285

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issued to REGAL SUMMER OWENS

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ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 774285, issued to REGAL SUMMER OWENS, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree from University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama on May 12, 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 17, 2009.
- 4. Respondent's professional nursing employment history is unknown.
- 5. Formal Charges were filed on January 30, 2012. A copy of the Formal Charges is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
- 6. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on January 31, 2012.

- 7. On February 6, 2012, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated February 2, 2012, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 8. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
- 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 evidence received is sufficient to prove a violation of Section 301.452(b)(8), Texas Occupations Code.
- 4. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 5. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 6. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.452 (b), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC§§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 774285, heretofore issued to REGAL SUMMER OWENS, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title of "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
- 3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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

Effective this _6th_ day of February, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

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

of said Board

In the Matter of Permanent License	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
Number 774285, Issued to	§	
REGAL SUMMER OWENS, Respondent	§	BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, REGAL SUMMER OWENS, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 774285, 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 January 19, 2012, Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of California was Revoked by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Sacramento, California. Said revocation was stayed, and Respondent was placed on Probation for a period of three (3) years. A copy of the California Board of Registered Nursing Decision and Order dated January 19, 2012, 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)(8), Texas Occupations Code.

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. 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.texas.gov.

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 and Deception, which can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

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

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order which is attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: California Board of Registered Nursing Decision and Order dated January 19, 2012.

Filed this 30th day of January, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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Attachments: California Board of Registered Nursing Decision and Order dated January 19, 2012.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

REGAL SUMMER OWENS 500 Stanyan Street San Francisco, CA 94117

Registered Nurse License No. 678357

Respondent

Case No. 2011-717

OAH No. 2011050393

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on January 19, 2012.

IT IS SO ORDERED December 20, 2011.

I hereby centry the foregoing to be a true copy of the documents on file in our office.

REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM

Louise R. Belley, M. ED., RN



Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs

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15	Registered Nurse License No. 678357				
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18	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-				
19	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:				
20	<u>PARTIES</u>				
21	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of				
22	Registered Nursing. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in				
1	this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Elena L.				
23	Almanzo, Deputy Attorney General.				
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25	2. Respondent Regal Summer Owens (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by				
26	attorney Robert F. Hahn, whose address is: 5801	Christie Avenue, Suite 385			
27	Emeryville, CA 94608-1964				
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3. On or about April 26, 2006, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered Nurse License No. RN 678357 to Regal Summer Owens (Respondent). The Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 2011-717 and will expire on March 31, 2012, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 2011-717 was filed before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on February 22, 2011. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

A copy of Accusation No. 2011-717 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2011-717. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

8. Respondent agrees that the charges and allegations as set forth in 14 a-h, 15, 16, 17, of Accusation Case No. 2011-717, if proven at hearing, constitute cause for imposing

discipline on her registered nursing license.

- 9. Respondent admits the truth of each allegation as set forth in paragraphs 18, 19, and 20.
- 10. Respondent agrees that her Registered Nurse License is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.
- 11. Respondent understands that pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2760.1 (a) (3) that after a period of one year she may petition for the modification of any condition of probation imposed by the Board's order.

CONTINGENCY

- 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Registered Nursing. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Registered Nursing may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 13. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 14. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise charged except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

15. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. RN 678357 issued to Respondent Regal Summer Owens (Respondent) is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

Severability Clause. Each condition of probation contained herein is a separate and distinct condition. If any condition of this Order, or any application thereof, is declared unenforceable in whole, in part, or to any extent, the remainder of this Order, and all other applications thereof, shall not be affected. Each condition of this Order shall separately be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

1. Obey All Laws. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws. A full and detailed account of any and all violations of law shall be reported by Respondent to the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of occurrence. To permit monitoring of compliance with this condition, Respondent shall submit completed fingerprint forms and fingerprint fees within 45 days of the effective date of the decision, unless previously submitted as part of the licensure application process.

Criminal Court Orders: If Respondent is under criminal court orders, including probation or parole, and the order is violated, this shall be deemed a violation of these probation conditions, and may result in the filing of an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation.

2. Comply with the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall fully comply with the conditions of the Probation Program established by the Board and cooperate with representatives of the Board in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall inform the Board in writing within no more than 15 days of any address change and shall at all times maintain an active, current license status with the Board, including during any period of suspension.

Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's license shall be fully restored.

- 3. Report in Person. Respondent, during the period of probation, shall appear in person at interviews/meetings as directed by the Board or its designated representatives.
- 4. Residency, Practice, or Licensure Outside of State. Periods of residency or practice as a registered nurse outside of California shall not apply toward a reduction of this probation time period. Respondent's probation is tolled, if and when she resides outside of California. Respondent must provide written notice to the Board within 15 days of any change of residency or practice outside the state, and within 30 days prior to re-establishing residency or returning to practice in this state.

Respondent shall provide a list of all states and territories where she has ever been licensed as a registered nurse, vocational nurse, or practical nurse. Respondent shall further provide information regarding the status of each license and any changes in such license status during the term of probation. Respondent shall inform the Board if she applies for or obtains a new nursing license during the term of probation.

5. Submit Written Reports. Respondent, during the period of probation, shall submit or cause to be submitted such written reports/declarations and verification of actions under penalty of perjury, as required by the Board. These reports/declarations shall contain statements relative to Respondent's compliance with all the conditions of the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by the Board or its representatives.

Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to the nursing regulatory agency in every state and territory in which she has a registered nurse license.

6. Function as a Registered Nurse. Respondent, during the period of probation, shall engage in the practice of registered nursing in California for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

For purposes of compliance with the section, "engage in the practice of registered nursing" may include, when approved by the Board, volunteer work as a registered nurse, or work in any non-direct patient care position that requires licensure as a registered nurse.

The Board may require that advanced practice nurses engage in advanced practice nursing

for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of her good faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation shall apply.

7. Employment Approval and Reporting Requirements. Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before commencing or continuing any employment, paid or voluntary, as a registered nurse. Respondent shall cause to be submitted to the Board all performance evaluations and other employment related reports as a registered nurse upon request of the Board.

Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to her employer and immediate supervisors prior to commencement of any nursing or other health care related employment.

In addition to the above, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after she obtains any nursing or other health care related employment. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after she is terminated or separated, regardless of cause, from any nursing, or other health care related employment with a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination or separation.

8. Supervision. Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board regarding Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration before commencing or continuing any employment as a registered nurse, or education and training that includes patient care.

Respondent shall practice only under the direct supervision of a registered nurse in good standing (no current discipline) with the Board of Registered Nursing, unless alternative methods of supervision and/or collaboration (e.g., with an advanced practice nurse or physician) are approved.

Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration may include, but is not limited to the

 following:

- (a) Maximum The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is present in the patient care area or in any other work setting at all times.
- (b) Moderate The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is in the patient care unit or in any other work setting at least half the hours Respondent works.
- (c) Minimum The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration has person-toperson communication with Respondent at least twice during each shift worked.
- (d) Home Health Care If Respondent is approved to work in the home health care setting, the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall have person-to-person communication with Respondent as required by the Board each work day. Respondent shall maintain telephone or other telecommunication contact with the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration as required by the Board during each work day. The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall conduct, as required by the Board, periodic, on-site visits to patients' homes visited by Respondent with or without Respondent present.
- 9. Employment Limitations. Respondent shall not work for a nurse's registry, in any private duty position as a registered nurse, a temporary nurse placement agency, a traveling nurse, or for an in-house nursing pool.

Respondent shall not work for a licensed home health agency as a visiting nurse unless the registered nursing supervision and other protections for home visits have been approved by the Board. Respondent shall not work in any other registered nursing occupation where home visits are required.

Respondent shall not work in any health care setting as a supervisor of registered nurses. The Board may additionally restrict Respondent from supervising licensed vocational nurses and/or unlicensed assistive personnel on a case-by-case basis.

Respondent shall not work as a faculty member in an approved school of nursing or as an instructor in a Board approved continuing education program.

Respondent shall work only on a regularly assigned, identified and predetermined worksite(s) and shall not work in a float capacity.

If Respondent is working or intends to work in excess of 40 hours per week, the Board may request documentation to determine whether there should be restrictions on the hours of work.

10. Complete a Nursing Course(s). Respondent, at her own expense, shall enroll and successfully complete a course(s) relevant to the practice of registered nursing no later than six months prior to the end of her probationary term.

Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before enrolling in the course(s). Respondent shall submit to the Board the original transcripts or certificates of completion for the above required course(s). The Board shall return the original documents to Respondent after photocopying them for its records.

11. Cost Recovery. Respondent shall pay to the Board costs associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the amount of \$5,500. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board, with payments to be completed no later than three months prior to the end of the probation term.

If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of her good faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation will apply.

12. Violation of Probation. If Respondent violates the conditions of her probation, the Board after giving Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order and impose the stayed discipline (revocation/suspension) of Respondent's license.

If during the period of probation, an accusation or petition to revoke probation has been filed against Respondent's license or the Attorney General's Office has been requested to prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation against Respondent's license, the probationary period shall automatically be extended and shall not expire until the accusation or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

License Surrender. During Respondent's term of probation, if she ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the conditions of probation, Respondent may surrender her license to the Board. The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances, without further hearing. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license and wall certificate, Respondent will no longer be subject to the conditions of probation.

Surrender of Respondent's license shall be considered a disciplinary action and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board. A registered nurse whose license has been surrendered may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than the following minimum periods from the effective date of the disciplinary decision:

- (1) Two years for reinstatement of a license that was surrendered for any reason other than a mental or physical illness; or
 - (2) One year for a license surrendered for a mental or physical illness.
- 14. Physical Examination. Within 45 days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent, at her expense, shall have a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, who is approved by the Board before the assessment is performed, submit an assessment of the Respondent's physical condition and capability to perform the duties of a registered nurse. Such an assessment shall be submitted in a format acceptable to the Board. If medically determined, a recommended treatment program will be instituted and followed by the Respondent with the physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant providing written reports to the Board on forms provided by the Board.

If Respondent is determined to be unable to practice safely as a registered nurse, the licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant making this determination shall immediately notify the Board and Respondent by telephone, and the Board shall request that the Attorney General's office prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation. Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board. During this period of suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by

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the Board is required until the Board has notified Respondent that a medical determination permits Respondent to resume practice. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period.

If Respondent fails to have the above assessment submitted to the Board within the 45-day requirement, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period. The Board may waive or postpone this suspension only if significant, documented evidence of mitigation is provided. Such evidence must establish good faith efforts by Respondent to obtain the assessment, and a specific date for compliance must be provided. Only one such waiver or extension may be permitted.

25. Participate in Treatment/Rehabilitation Program. Respondent, at her expense, shall successfully complete during the probationary period or shall have successfully completed prior to commencement of probation a Board-approved treatment/rehabilitation program of at least six months duration. As required, reports shall be submitted by the program on forms provided by the Board. If Respondent has not completed a Board-approved treatment/rehabilitation program prior to commencement of probation, Respondent, within 45 days from the effective date of the decision, shall be enrolled in a program. If a program is not successfully completed within the first nine months of probation, the Board shall consider Respondent in violation of probation.

Based on Board recommendation, each week Respondent shall be required to attend at least one, but no more than five 12-step recovery meetings or equivalent (e.g., Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.) and a nurse support group as approved and directed by the Board. If a nurse support group is not available, an additional 12-step meeting or equivalent shall be added. Respondent shall submit dated and signed documentation confirming such attendance to the Board during the entire period of probation. Respondent shall continue with the recovery plan recommended by the treatment/rehabilitation program or a licensed mental health examiner and/or other ongoing recovery groups.

Abstain from Use of Alcohol or other Mood-Altering Drugs. Respondent shall completely abstain from the possession, injection or consumption by any route of all controlled substances and all psychotropic (mood altering) drugs, including alcohol, except when the same are ordered by a health care professional legally authorized to do so as part of documented medical treatment. Respondent shall have sent to the Board, in writing and within fourteen (14) days, by the prescribing health professional, a report identifying the medication, dosage, the date the medication was prescribed, the Respondent's prognosis, the date the medication will no longer be required, and the effect on the recovery plan, if appropriate.

Respondent shall identify for the Board a single physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant who shall be aware of Respondent's history of substance abuse and will coordinate and monitor any prescriptions for Respondent for dangerous drugs, controlled substances or moodaltering drugs. The coordinating physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant shall report to the Board on a quarterly basis Respondent's compliance with this condition. If any substances considered addictive have been prescribed, the report shall identify a program for the time limited use of any such substances.

The Board may require the single coordinating physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant to be a specialist in addictive medicine, or to consult with a specialist in addictive medicine.

participate in a random, biological fluid testing or a drug screening program which the Board approves. The length of time and frequency will be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent is responsible for keeping the Board informed of Respondent's current telephone number at all times. Respondent shall also ensure that messages may be left at the telephone number when she is not available and ensure that reports are submitted directly by the testing agency to the Board, as directed. Any confirmed positive finding shall be reported immediately to the Board by the program and Respondent shall be considered in violation of probation.

In addition, Respondent, at any time during the period of probation, shall fully cooperate with the Board or any of its representatives, and shall, when requested, submit to such tests and

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 samples as the Board or its representatives may require for the detection of alcohol, narcotics, hypnotics, dangerous drugs, or other controlled substances.

If Respondent has a positive drug screen for any substance not legally authorized and not reported to the coordinating physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, and the Board files a petition to revoke probation or an accusation, the Board may suspend Respondent from practice pending the final decision on the petition to revoke probation or the accusation. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period.

If Respondent fails to participate in a random, biological fluid testing or drug screening program within the specified time frame, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board. After taking into account documented evidence of mitigation, if the Board files a petition to revoke probation or an accusation, the Board may suspend Respondent from practice pending the final decision on the petition to revoke probation or the accusation. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period:

Mental Health Examination. Respondent shall, within 45 days of the effective date of this Decision, have a mental health examination including psychological testing as appropriate to determine her capability to perform the duties of a registered nurse. The examination will be performed by a psychiatrist, psychologist or other licensed mental health practitioner approved by the Board. The examining mental health practitioner will submit a written report of that assessment and recommendations to the Board. All costs are the responsibility of Respondent. Recommendations for treatment, therapy or counseling made as a result of the mental health examination will be instituted and followed by Respondent.

If Respondent is determined to be unable to practice safely as a registered nurse, the licensed mental health care practitioner making this determination shall immediately notify the Board and Respondent by telephone, and the Board shall request that the Attorney General's office prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation. Respondent shall immediately cease practice and may not resume practice until notified by the Board. During this period of suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board

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If Respondent fails to have the above assessment submitted to the Board within the 45-day requirement, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period. The Board may waive or postpone this suspension only if significant, documented evidence of mitigation is provided. Such evidence must establish good faith efforts by Respondent to obtain the assessment, and a specific date for compliance must be provided. Only one such waiver or extension may be permitted.

19. Therapy or Counseling Program. Respondent, at her expense, shall participate in an on-going counseling program until such time as the Board releases her from this requirement and only upon the recommendation of the counselor. Written progress reports from the counselor will be required at various intervals.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Robert F. Hahn. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Registered Nurse License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Registered Nursing.

DATED: <u>/// 8-//</u>

REGAT SUMMER OWENS

Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Regal Summer Owens the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

1 approve its form and content. DATED: $\frac{10-10-1}{10}$

Robert P. Hahn

Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order are hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Dated: 10/12/2011

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 2011-717

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Accusation

JURISDICTION

- 3. Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 2750 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 4. Code section 2764 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under Code section 2811(b), the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- Code section 2761(a) states, in pertinent part, that the board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for unprofessional conduct.
 - 6. Code section 2761 states, in pertinent part:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- (a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (1) Incompetence, or gross negligence in carrying out usual certified or licensed nursing functions.
- (f) Conviction of a felony or of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof."
 - 7. Code section 2762 states, in pertinent part:

"In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act], it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do the following:

(b) Use any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code, or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in

Section 4022, or alcoholic beverages, to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself or herself, any other person, or the public or to the extent that such use impairs his or her ability to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by his or her license.

- (c) Be convicted of a criminal offense involving the prescription, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section, or the possession of, or falsification of a record pertaining to, the substances described in subdivision (a) of this section, in which event the record of the conviction is conclusive evidence thereof."
- (e) Falsify, or make grossly incorrect, grossly inconsistent, or unintelligible entries in any hospital, patient, or other record pertaining to the substances described in subdivision (a) of this section."

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1442, states:

"As used in Section 2761 of the code, 'gross negligence' includes an extreme departure from the standard of care which, under similar circumstances, would have ordinarily been exercised by a competent registered nurse. Such an extreme departure means the repeated failure to provide nursing care as required or failure to provide care or to exercise ordinary precaution in a single situation which the nurse knew, or should have known, could have jeopardized the client's health or life."

9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1443, states:

"As used in Section 2761 of the code, 'incompetence' means the lack of possession of or the failure to exercise that degree of learning, skill, care and experience ordinarily possessed and exercised by a competent registered nurse as described in Section 1443.5."

COST RECOVERY

10. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

DRUGS

- 11. "Dilaudid," a brand of hydromorphone, is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055(b)(1)(K).
- 12. "Morphine," is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055(b)(1)(M).
- 13. "Norco" is a compound consisting of 10 mg. hydrocodone bitartrate, also known as dihydrocodeinone, a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11056(e)(4), and 325 mg. acetaminophen per tablet.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Falsified, Made Incorrect or Inconsistent Entries In Hospital or Patient Records)

14. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2761(a), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct as defined in Code section 2762(e), in that between June 17, 2008, and June 26, 2008, while employed by RNS Staffing (registry) and on assignment as a registered nurse at Mercy General Hospital, located in Sacramento, California, Respondent falsified, made grossly incorrect, grossly inconsistent or unintelligible entries in hospital or patient records in the following respects:

Patient A:

a. On or about June 24, 2008, at 2030 hours, Respondent withdrew one (1) 5 mg. tablet of Norco, but failed to account for the disposition of the Norco in any hospital or patient record.

Patient B:

- b. On or about June 24, 2008, at 2144 hours, Respondent withdrew one (1) 2 mg. injectable of Morphine without a physician's order, and failed to account for the disposition of the Morphine in any hospital or patient record. In addition, Respondent was not assigned to care for this patient.
- c. On or about June 24, 2008, at 2144 hours, Respondent withdrew one (1) 4 mg. injectable of Morphine without a physician's order, and failed to account for the disposition of the Morphine in any hospital or patient record. In addition, Respondent was not assigned to care for this patient.

Patient C:

d. On or about June 25, 2008, at 1942 hours, Respondent withdrew one (1) 1 mg. injectable of Dilaudid, but failed to account for the disposition of the Dilaudid in any hospital or patient record.

Patient D:

e. On or about June 24, 2008, at 0624 hours, Respondent withdrew one (1) 4 mg. injectable of Dilaudid. Respondent charted the administration of 3 mg. of Dilaudid at 0615 hours, but failed to account for the disposition of the remaining 1 mg. of Dilaudid in any hospital or patient record.

Patient E:

f. On or about June 17, 2008, at 0642 hours, Respondent withdrew one (1) 1 mg. injectable of Dilaudid without a physician's order, and failed to account for the disposition of the Dilaudid in any hospital or patient record.

Patient F:

- g. On or about June 24, 2008, at 0252 hours, Respondent withdrew one (1) 2 mg. injectable of Morphine. Respondent charted the administration of 2 mg. of Morphine at 0230 hours. However, the physician's order called for 4 mg. of Morphine to be administered to the patient.
- h. On or about June 24, 2008, at 0314 hours, Respondent withdrew one (1) 2 mg. injectable of Morphine without a physician's order, and failed to account for the disposition of the Morphine in any hospital or patient record.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Gross Negligence)

15. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2761(a)(1), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that between June 17, 2008, and June 26, 2008, while employed by RNS Staffing (registry) and on assignment as a registered nurse at Mercy General Hospital, located in Sacramento, California, Respondent was grossly negligent as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 14, subdivisions (a) through (d).

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Incompetence)

16. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2761(a)(1), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that between June 17, 2008, and June 26, 2008, while employed by RNS Staffing (registry) and on assignment as a registered nurse at Mercy General Hospital, located in Sacramento, California, Respondent was incompetent, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 14, subdivisions (a) through (e), and (g).

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

17. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2761(a), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that between June 17, 2008, and June 26, 2008, while employed by RNS Staffing (registry) and on assignment as a registered nurse at Mercy General Hospital, located in Sacramento, California, Respondent demonstrated unprofessional conduct, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 14, subdivisions (b) and (c), and (f) through (h).

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of a Crime)

18. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2761(f), in that on or about August 11, 2010, in the case of *People v. Regal Summer Owens*, (Super. Ct. Alameda County, Case No. 562268), Respondent was convicted by the Court on her plea of no contest of violating Vehicle Code section 23152(b) (driving with a blood alcohol level of .08% or higher), a misdemeanor, a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensed registered nurse. The circumstances of the crime was that on or about May 26, 2010, Respondent drove a vehicle while having a blood alcohol level of 0.16%.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dangerous Use of Alcohol)

19. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code sections 2761(a), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined in Code section 2762(b), in that on or about May 26, 2010, Respondent used an alcoholic beverage to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to

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1	herself and the public when she operated a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, as more			
2	particularly set forth above in paragraph 18.			
3	SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE			
4	(Conviction Involving the Consumption of Alcohol)			
5	20. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2761(a), on the grounds of			
6	unprofessional conduct as defined in Code section 2762(c), in that on or about August 11, 2010,			
7	Respondent was convicted of a crime involving the consumption of alcohol, as more particularly			
8	set forth above in paragraph 18.			
9	PRAYER			
10	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,			
11	and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:			
12	1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 678357, issued to Regal			
13	Summer Owens;			
14	2. Ordering Regal Summer Owens to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the			
15	reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and			
16	Professions Code section 125.3; and,			
17	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.			
18	DATED: 2/22/11 Source R. Sauley LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN			
19	Executive Officer Board of Registered Nursing			
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February 2, 2012

Paul Longoria Investigator

Dear Paul,

Due to the circumstances and probation of my California license, I am surrendering my Texas nursing license. I am doing this with the understanding that upon successful completion of my probation terms in California I can apply for reinstatement in Texas. Thank you for your time this morning discussing this matter. If you need any further documentation, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Regal Summer Owens

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