BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



Executive Director of the Board

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse

License Number 129607

issued to ELIZABETH ANNE MCKAMIE

AGREED

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ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Boar considered the matter of ELIZABETH ANNE MCKAMIE, Vocational Nurse License Number 129607, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on August 10, 2011, 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(s).
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Blinn College at Bryan, Bryan, Texas, on August 24, 1990. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 28, 1990.
- 5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

11/1990 - 07/1991

LVN

St. Joseph Hospital Bryan, Texas Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

07/1991 - 12/1991 Employment history unknown.

12/1991 - 08/1997 LVN Healthwise Home Healthcare

Hearne, Texas

08/1997 - 02/1998 LVN Franklin Nursing Home

Franklin, Texas

02/1998 - 04/1998 Employment history unknown.

04/1998 - 05/2009 LVN Memorial Hermann Memorial City

Medical Center Houston, Texas

05/2009 - Present Employment history unknown

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a vocational nurse with Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center, Houston, Texas, and had been in this position for ten (10) years and six (6) months.
- 7. On or about October 2008 through December 2008, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent withdrew Morphine from the Medication Dispensing System for patients, but failed to document, or accurately document the administration of the medication in the patients' Medication Administration Records (MAR) and/or Nurse's Notes. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patients which could result in an overdose.
- 8. On or about October 2008 to December 2008, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent withdrew Morphine from the Medication Dispensing System for patients, but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedures for wastage of any of the unused portions of the medication. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).
- 9. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states: "I do not have access to the necessary documents to give a reasonable explanation for this failure. I did unintentionally fail to document these times. This was not brought to my attention until early 2009 at which time it was too late to correct the unintentional omissions. These omissions did not result in injury or harm to any patient. In early 2009 when these failure

to document occurrences were brought to my attention, I did ask to be given a drug screen. I was denied this request, being told I was not accused of taking the medications myself, just failure to document."

- 10. Formal Charges were filed on June 21, 2011.
- 11. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on June 23, 2011.

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 violation of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas . Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A)&(D) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(4),(10)(C)&(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 129607, heretofore issued to ELIZABETH ANNE MCKAMIE, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 et seq. and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address:

http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

- (2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension. In order to receive credit for completion of this program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. Information regarding Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board we bsite address:
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is <u>not</u> being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length of classroom time. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL cause the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Board's office 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*-

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IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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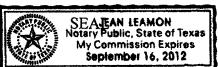
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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 18 day of _	October , 2011.
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ELIZABETH ANNE MCK	AMIE, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \(\frac{1}{20} \) day of \(\frac{1}{20} \), 20 \(\frac{1}{20} \).



Notary Public in and for the State of

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 18th day of October, 2011, by ELIZABETH ANNE MCKAMIE, Vocational Nurse License Number 129607, and said Order is final.



Effective this 24th day of October, 2011.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, R Executive Director on behalf

of said Board