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Patricia R. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse §
License Number 142182 §
issued to GEORGE LUIS GONZALEZ §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 142182, issued to GEORGE LUIS GONZALEZ, 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Texas State Technical College, Sweetwater, Texas, on February 27, 1993. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 25, 1993.
4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

5/1993-12/1995	LVN Shannon Medical Center San Angelo, Texas
8/1993-12/1997	LVN Baker Brame Skilled Nursing San Angelo, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

1/1998-5/2010

LVN
Shannon Medical Center
San Angelo, Texas

6/2010-Present

Unknown

5. On or about April 30, 2010, through May 1, 2010, while employed with Shannon Medical Center, San Angelo, Texas, Respondent failed to adequately assess and intervene for Patient 818523, or accurately document in the patient's medical record when the patient's intravenous (IV) site became infiltrated. Respondent documented that there were no changes in the patient's condition, but, at the change of shift, reported to the oncoming nurse that he had discontinued the patient's IV. The oncoming nurse documented in the medical record that the patient's IV site had dark erythema and 2-3+ edema from the patient's wrist to elbow. Respondent failed to document in the patient's medical record that the site had been assessed or that the site was visibly red and edematous. Respondent's failure to assess and intervene exposed the patient to the risk of harm in that significant changes in the patient's IV site went undetected and Respondent's failure to document was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would rely on his documentation to provide further care.
6. Formal Charges were filed on October 25, 2011. A copy of the Formal Charges is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
7. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on October 25, 2011.
8. On November 7, 2011, Respondent submitted a notarized statement to the Board voluntarily surrendering the right to practice vocational nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated November 3, 2011, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(D),(1)(M)&(2)(A).
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.

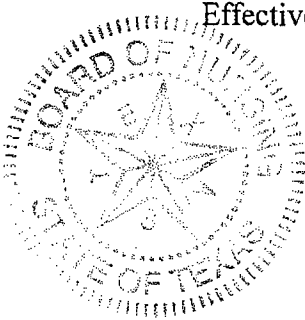
ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 142182, heretofore issued to GEORGE LUIS GONZALEZ, to practice vocational 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 vocational nursing, use the title of vocational or the abbreviation LVN or wear any insignia identifying himself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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

Effective this 15th day of November, 2011.



TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

In the Matter of Permanent License § BEFORE THE TEXAS
Number 142182, Issued to §
GEORGE LUIS GONZALEZ, Respondent § BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, GEORGE LUIS GONZALEZ, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 142182, 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 April 30, 2010, through May 1, 2010, while employed with Shannon Medical Center, San Angelo, Texas, Respondent failed to adequately assess and intervene for Patient Medical Record Number 818523, or accurately document in the patient's medical record when the patient's intravenous (IV) site became infiltrated. Respondent documented that there were no changes in the patient's condition, but, at the change of shift, reported to the oncoming nurse that he had discontinued the patient's IV. The oncoming nurse documented in the medical record that the patient's IV site had dark erythema and 2-3+ edema from the patient's wrist to elbow. Respondent failed to document in the patient's medical record that the site had been assessed or that the site was visibly red and edematous. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm from medical complications in that significant changes in the patient's IV site went undetected and Respondent's failure to document was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would rely on his documentation to provide further care.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(D),(1)(M),(1)(P)&(2)(A).

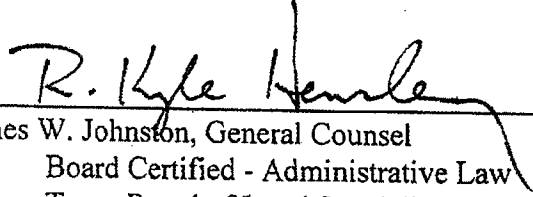
NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. 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, 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.

Filed this 25th day of October, 2011.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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Voluntary Surrender Statement

October 28, 2011

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a vocational nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license/licenses to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature: George L. Gonzalez
Date Nov. 3 2011
Texas Nursing License Number/s 142182

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared George Luis Gonzalez who, being duly sworn by me, stated that he executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that he understood same.

Sworn to before me the 3 day of November, 2011.

SEAL

Michael O. McIlvain
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

