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Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse

§ AGREED

License Number 752203

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issued to DAVID SHEGDA

§ ORDER

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 752203, issued to DAVID SHEGDA, 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, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was provided to 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree from Tarrant County Junior College, Fort Worth, Texas, on December 13, 2007. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 4, 2008.
- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

03/08 - 09/10

RN

JPS Health Network

Fort Worth, Texas

10/10 - Present

Not employed in nursing

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- 6. On or about January 2010, through February 22, 2010, while employed with JPS Health Network, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Hydrocodone and Hydromorphone belonging to the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation in that he wrote telephone orders for Hydrocodone and Hydromorphone without a valid physicians' order. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.
- 7. On or about June 7, 2010, while employed with JPS Health Network, Fort Worth, Texas, and participating in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN), Respondent engaged in the intemperate and/or unlawful use of Morphine in that he submitted a specimen for a for cause drug screen which resulted positive for Morphine. Possession of Morphine is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Morphine 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.
- 8. On or about March 21, 2011, Respondent was arrested for the offense of "Forge/Increase Prescription Quantity/Dangerous Drug," a Class B Misdemeanor, by the Forth Worth Police Department, Fort Worth, Texas.
- 9. On May 25, 2011, in a telephonic conversation with the Board, Respondent admitted to the conduct outlined in Finding of Fact Number Six (6) except that Respondent stated it was only for Hydromorphone. Regarding the conduct outlined in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that he consumed poppy seeds. He states that his date of sobriety is March 1, 2010. Respondent states that he has withdrawn from TPAPN and wishes to voluntarily surrender his license to practice professional nursing.
- 10. Respondent, by his signature to this Order, expresses his desire to voluntarily surrender his license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 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.
- 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.

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- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violations of Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(5),(6)(A)(G)(H),(10)(A)(D)(E),(11)(B)&(13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.453(a), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 752203, heretofore issued to DAVID SHEGDA, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Registered Nurse License Number 752203, heretofore issued to DAVID SHEGDA, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by 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 "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying himself 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.

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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.

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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 this Order becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 24 day of

SHEGDA, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of _____

Commission Expires

Notary Public in and for the State of ______

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 752203, previously issued to DAVID SHEGDA.



Effective this 5th day of July, 20 11.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board