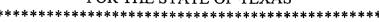
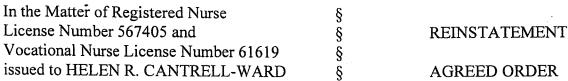
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS





I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.

Executive Director of the Board

On this day came to be considered by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, the Petition for Reinstatement of registered nur license number 567405, held by HELEN R. CANTRELL-WARD, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

An informal conference was held on May 24, 2005, at the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code.

Petitioner appeared in person. Petitioner was notified of her right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel. In attendance were Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director; Elizabeth Higginbotham, RN, Assistant General Counsel; Cynthia A. Smith, Supervising Investigator; and Diane E. Burell, Investigator.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Prior to institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license.
- 2. Petitioner waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Petitioner received a Certificate in Nursing from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Vocational Nursing, Fort Worth, Texas, on August 9, 1974. Petitioner was originally licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on August 29, 1974. Petitioner received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Christian University-Harris College of Nursing, Fort Worth, Texas, in July, 1990. Petitioner was originally licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 18, 1991.

5. Petitioner's vocational and professional nursing employment history includes:

9/74 - 4/75	LVN	Doctor's Community Hospital Euless, Texas
4/75 - 1/81	LVN	Hurst General Hospital Hurst, Texas
1/81 - 5/82	LVN	Weight Clinic Hurst, Texas
5/82 - 5/84	LVN	Richland Hills Retirement Center Richland Hills, Texas
5/84 - 9/85	LVN	Osteopathic Medical Center Fort Worth, Texas
10/85 - 8/86	Not employed in nursing	
9/86 - 7/93	LVN/RN Staff Nurse	Osteopathic Medical Center Fort Worth, Texas
7/93 - 3/95	Staff Nurse (PACU)	University Surgery Center Fort Worth, Texas
3/95 - 12/96	Home Health Nurse	Healthcore Grand Prairie, Texas
12/95 - 3/96	Home Health Nurse	Best Care Fort Worth, Texas
3/96 - 9/96	Home Health Nurse	Olsten Healthcare Irving, Texas
10/96 - present	Not employed in Nursing	

6. On November 6, 1995, Petitioner's license to practice professional nursing was issued the sanction of a Fine by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the November 6, 1995, Agreed Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.

- 7. On January 22, 1997, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas accepted the voluntary surrender of Petitioner's license to practice professional nursing. A copy of the January 22, 1997, Order of the Board, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as a part of this Order.
- 8. On or about December 6, 2004, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of License to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 9. Petitioner presented the following in support of her petition:
 - 9.1. Letter, dated October 18, 2004, from Jay M. Butterman, DO, Diplomate, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Arlington, Texas, states Petitioner has been in treatment with Dr. Butterman's office since November of 1994. Petitioner's current diagnosis are Major Depressive Disorder, recurrent, severe without psychosis, Dysthymic Disorder, and Narcotic and Alcohol Dependence, in remission. Petitioner has been compliant with medications and treatments, and keeps scheduled appointments without fail. She has maintained a stable mood despite periodic life stressors. Petitioner has maintained her sobriety and is not a danger to herself or others. Dr. Butterman feels that Petitioner would not likely become a danger to herself or others while working as a health care provider.
 - 9.2. Letter of support from Lisa Haram-Atkinson, M.Ed., LPC, LCDC, Fort Worth, Texas, states Petitioner has been abstinent for the past eight (8) years. She is very active in her recovery program by attending Narcotics Anonymous meetings regularly, is the treasurer of her home group, and is responsible for opening doors to the meeting. Petitioner attends conventions, retreats, and sponsors several women. Over the last eight (8) years, Petitioner has learned about her depression and how it manifests itself. She has consistently maintained her medication and recognizes when she and her doctor need to adjust them before reaching a crisis state. Petitioner's depression has been controlled for several years now and she is no longer in denial about the need for maintenance. Petitioner has made remarkable strides in her personal growth. She has walked through difficult step-parenting issues, a brother's serious car accident, and other challenges life has brought utilizing all the tools and support her recovery has brought her. Ms. Haram-Atkinson can confidently recommend that Petitioner would be a credit to the nursing profession should the Board decide to reinstate her license.
 - 9.3. Letter of support, dated November 23, 2004, from George Briley, RN, CRNA, Fort Worth, Texas, states he has known Petitioner for eight (8) years. During that period of time, Mr. Briley has watched Petitioner grow as an individual who regularly attends Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and actively works to maintain her recovery. Within NA, Petitioner serves as treasurer of her group and has been entrusted with the responsibility of locking up the church where the meetings are held. As a friend and nurse anesthetist who has practiced for more than twenty (20) years, Mr. Briley can sincerely and without reservation, recommend that Petitioner be reinstated.

- 9.4. Letter of support from John Atkinson, Fort Worth, Texas, states he has been drug free for over twenty-seven (27) years and has attended recovery meetings with Petitioner for over ten (10) years. Mr. Atkinson has seen Petitioner come to terms with her drug use and stay drug free for over eight (8) years. She has expanded her involvement in the recovery community, attending conventions, retreats, and participating in voluntary service work. At times, a number of health care professionals have come to the group looking for support and Petitioner has always been there to relate her experience. Mr. Atkinson supports Petitioner's decision to return to the health care profession and knows she has the foundation and resources to succeed in whatever field she chooses.
- 9.5. Documentation of twenty (20) Type 1 contact hours.
- 10. Petitioner gives September 13, 1996, as her date of sobriety.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Pursuant to Section 301.467, Texas Occupations Code, the Board may refuse to issue or renew a license, and may set a reasonable period that must lapse before reapplication. Pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that a Petitioner must satisfy before reissuance of an unrestricted license.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that the petition of HELEN R. CANTRELL-WARD, Registered Nurse license number 567405, and Vocational Nurse license number 61619, to practice professional and vocational nursing in the state of Texas, be and the same is hereby GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS SO LONG AS THE PETITIONER complies 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 §211.01 et. seq. and the stipulations contained in this Order:

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Petitioner's licenses are encumbered by this Order, Petitioner 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 Petitioner wishes to work.

- (1) PETITIONER SHALL NOT seek employment or practice nursing for compensation until she has completed the following pre-licensure conditions and obtained a license to practice professional or vocational nursing from the Board.
- (2) PETITIONER SHALL successfully complete a nursing refresher course prior to returning to the practice of professional or vocational nursing in the State of Texas. PETITIONER SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course content shall include: 1) the role of the professional nurse; 2) a review of the nursing process to include assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation; 3) Pharmacology review; 4) medication administration review for all standard route of administration; 5) documentation, quality assurance and legal implications for nursing practice; and 6) current CPR certification. This course must contain a minimum 24-hour clinical component, providing direct patient care, which is to be supervised by another registered nurse.

- (3) Upon completion of the refresher course, PETITIONER SHALL return the clinical permit to the office of the Board, and PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to notify the Board, on a form provided by the Board, of Petitioner's successful completion of the refresher course, including the required clinical component.
- (4) Upon verification of successful completion of the agreed pre-licensure conditions of reinstatement, as set out in this Order, PETITIONER SHALL pay all reregistration fees and be issued a license to practice professional or vocational nursing in the State of Texas, which shall bear the appropriate notation. Said license issued to HELEN R. CANTRELL-WARD, shall be subject to the following agreed post-licensure stipulations:
- (5) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of relicensure, successfully complete a course in nursing jurisprudence. PETITIONER 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 must include registered nurses. It must 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. PETITIONER 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 PETITIONER'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 can be found on the Board's website www.bne.state.tx.us (under BNE events).
- (6) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of relicensure, successfully complete a course in nursing ethics. PETITIONER 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)

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. PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to verify PETITIONER'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).

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD PETITIONER PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE OR A VOCATIONAL NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, PETITIONER WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR THREE (3) YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION 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) OR VOCATIONAL NURSE (LVN) LICENSE WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

- (7) PETITIONER SHALL notify all future employers in professional or vocational nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on PETITIONER's license. PETITIONER 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.
- (8) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a professional or vocational nurse.

- (9) For the first year of employment as a Registered or Vocational Nurse under this Order, PETITIONER SHALL be directly supervised by a Registered Nurse Direct supervision requires another professional to be working on the same unit as PETITIONER and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. PETITIONER SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). The PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- (10) For the remainder of the stipulation period, PETITIONER SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as PETITIONER, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the PETITIONER is currently working. PETITIONER SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- (11) PETITIONER SHALL NOT practice as a professional or vocational nurse on the night shift, rotate shifts, work overtime, accept on-call assignments, or be used for coverage on any unit other than the identified, predetermined unit(s) to which PETITIONER is regularly assigned for one (1) year of employment as a professional or vocational nurse.
- (12) PETITIONER SHALL NOT practice as a professional or vocational nurse in any critical care area for one (1) year of employment as a professional 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.

- (13) PETITIONER 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 or vocational nurse.
- (14) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, periodic reports as to PETITIONER's capability to practice professional or vocational nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Registered Nurse who supervises the PETITIONER. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) months for three (3) years of employment as a professional or vocational nurse.
- (15) PETITIONER 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, PETITIONER 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 PETITIONER 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.

(16) PETITIONER 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 stipulation 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

Cannabinoids

Cocaine Ethanol

tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)

Meperidine

Methadone

Methaqualone Opiates

Phencyclidine Propoxyphene

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

(17) PETITIONER SHALL participate in therapy with a "professional counselor" possessing credentials approved by the Board. PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the therapist to submit written reports, on forms provided by the Board, as to the PETITIONER's progress in therapy, rehabilitation and capability to safely practice professional or vocational nursing. The report must indicate whether or not the PETITIONER'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 stipulation period, or until PETITIONER is dismissed from therapy.

(18) PETITIONER SHALL attend at least two (2) support group meetings each week, one of which shall be for substance abuse; and PETITIONER 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 PETITIONER. PETITIONER 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, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional or vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Reinstatement Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Petition for Reinstatement of Licensure, has been in conformity with the Board's professional character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past behavior in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of convictions, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

I have reviewed this Order. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order. 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 agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to reinstating my licenses to practice nursing in the state of Texas. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, my licenses to practice professional or vocational nursing in the State of Texas will be revoked, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this

Notary Public in and for the State of

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Reinstatement Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>15th</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2005, by HELEN R. CANTRELL-WARD, Registered Nurse license number 567405, and Vocational Nurse license number 61619, and said Order is final.

Effective this 9th day of August, 2005.

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 Permanent Certificate \$
Number 567405 issued to \$
HELEN R. CANTRELL-WARD \$

ORDER OF THE BOARD

To: Helen R. Cantrell-Ward 6809 Craig Street

Fort Worth, Texas 76112

On this day, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of professional nurse license number 567405, issued to HELEN R. CANTRELL-WARD, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Article 4525.1(c), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference 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 was provided to Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license.
- 2. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 3. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Christian University-Harris College of Nursing, Fort Worth, Texas, in July of 1990.
- 4. Respondent was issued an Agreed Order by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas on November 6, 1995. A copy of the Agreed Order is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this order.

- 5. Respondent, on or about September 12, 1996, while employed with Olsten Kimberly Quality Care, Irving, Texas, misappropriated Demerol. Respondent's conduct defrauded the facility in the cost of the medication.
- 6. Respondent, on or about September 12, 1996, while employed with Olsten Kimberly Quality Care, Irving, Texas, engaged in the intemperate use of Demerol in that she produced a specimen for a drug screen which tested positive for Demerol. Respondent's conduct could have endangered patients.
- 7. Respondent expressed a desire to voluntarily surrender her license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Article 4525, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violations of Article 4525(b)(8) and (9), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.13(15).
- 4. Under Article 4525.1(c), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 5. Under Article 4525.1(d), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.

<u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of license number 567405, heretofore issued to HELEN R. CANTRELL-WARD to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Board of Nurse Examiners. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL immediately deliver the wallet-size license, heretofore issued to HELEN R. CANTRELL-WARD, to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners.

- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title "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.
- 3. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement until five (5) years has/have elapsed from the date of this Order.
- 4. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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. By my signature on this order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Agreed Sanctions, and conditions of this order to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I consent to the issuance of the Agreed Sanctions. I waive judicial review of this order. I understand that when the signed and notarized order is received in the office of the Board, the terms of this order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 18 day of Jan 1997.

HELEN R. CANTRELL-WARD

Sworn to and subscribed before me this $\frac{19}{10}$ day of $\frac{1997}{100}$

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of nursing license number 567405, previously issued to HELEN R. CANTRELL-WARD.

Effective this 22 day of 97

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 Permanent

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AGREED ORDER

Certificate Number 567405;

Issued to: HELEN R. CANTRELL-WARD §

On this day, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of HELEN R. CANTRELL-WARD, license number 567405, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Article 4518, Section 7 and Article 4525(b)(1), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., as amended and 22 Texas Administrative Code, §217.15.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice, hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order offered by Louise Waddill, Ph.D., R.N., Executive Director, on behalf of 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, hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in Texas.
- 4. Respondent failed to comply with the Board's requirements for continuing education as required for renewal of licensure.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Article 4525, TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., as amended, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. Evidence received was sufficient to prove violation(s) of Article 4518, Section 7 and 4525(b)(1) TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. and 22 Texas Administrative Code §217.15(b).
- 4. Respondent's failure to comply with Continuing Education requirements is sufficient cause pursuant to Article 4525(b) TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. to take disciplinary action against license number 567405, heretofore issued to HELEN R. CANTRELL-WARD.

AGREED SANCTIONS

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a fine of \$100.00, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, Annotated, as amended, Article 4513 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 Texas Administrative Code, §211.01 et seq.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that RESPONDENT SHALL submit with this signed Agreed Order and fine, within 45 days, documentation of successful completion of seventeen (17) Type I contact hours, taken between September 29, 1995 and November 13, 1995. Documentation should include copies of certificates of program attendance, letter from editors, grade slips, etc. These contact hours are to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure.

AGREED ORDER
HELEN R. CANTRELL-WARD
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 567405
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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(s) alleged. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Agreed Sanctions, and any stipulation(s) on this Order to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I consent to the issuance of the Agreed Sanction. I waive judicial review of this Order.

Signed this 30 day of Ofalu 1995.

MUNT STULL HELEN R. CANTRELL-WARD

Signed this 6th day of November 19 95.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, CPNP

Interim Executive Director on behalf of said Board