### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse

AGREED

License Number 696849.

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issued to LISA MARGARET JOHNSON

ORDER

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Executive Director of the Board

An investigation by the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Bo produced evidence indicating that LISA MARGARET JOHNSON, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, License Number 696849, may have violated Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code.

An informal conference was held on September 15, 2009, at the office of the Texas Board of Nursing, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent appeared in person. Respondent was represented by Nancy Roper Willson, Attorney at Law. In attendance were Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director; John Legris, Assistant General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ, Director, Enforcement Division; Kimberly Botello, Investigator and James S. Smelser, Investigator.

### 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 notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from El Centro College at Brookhaven, Farmers Branch, Texas, on May 8, 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 24, 2003.

- 5. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. At the time of the incidents described in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Green Oaks Hospital, Dallas, Texas.
- 7. On or about October 2008, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Green Oaks Hospital, Dallas, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Oxycontin from the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications and is in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).
- 8. On or about October 28, 2008, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Green Oaks Hospital, Dallas, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Morphine in that she provided a specimen for a 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 without a prescription 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.
- 9. The Respondent's conduct described in the preceding Findings of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.401-301.419.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Charges were filed on May 21, 2009.
- 12. Charges were mailed to Respondent on May 27, 2009.
- 13. Respondent's conduct described in Findings Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8) was significantly influenced by Respondent's impairment by dependency on chemicals.
- 14. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-.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)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(5),(6)(G),(8),(10)(A)(D)&(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 696849, heretofore issued to LISA MARGARET JOHNSON, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 5. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

## **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT, in lieu of the sanction of Revocation under Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to TPAPN and SHALL, within ninety (90) days following the date of entry of this final Order, sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) payable to TPAPN.
- (2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Texas Board of Nursing.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep his/her license to practice nursing in the

State of Texas current.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED, 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, that the terms of this Agreed Order shall be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license and multistate licensure 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 have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions One (1) through Four (4) of this Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, and 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 to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

	Signed this 19th day of march, 2010.  Lisa MARGARET JOHNSON, Respondent
Sworn to and subscribed before me	
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MAN DENISE JANES Notary Public, State of Texas My Commission Expires April 03, 2013	Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
	Approved as to form and substance
	Nancy Roper Willson, Attorney for Respondent
•	Signed this 19th day of March , 20 10

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept and enter the Agreed Order that was signed on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010, by LISA MARGARET JOHNSON, License Number 696849, and said Order is final.

Entered and effective this 12th day of April, 2010.

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