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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Women's Health Nurse Practitioner	§	AGREED
& Registered Nurse License Number 611168	§	
issued to CORI L. THOMAS POOVEY	§	ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CORI L. THOMAS, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nurse License Number 611168, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(1), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on September 24, 2012, 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 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 a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas, on October 1, 1994, and received a Master's Degree from the Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP) Program with Texas Woman's University, Dallas, Texas, on December 14, 2002. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on November 16, 1994, was Board authorized to practice as a WHNP on March 2, 2003 and was issued Prescriptive Authority on November 5, 2004.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1995 - 2003	Charge Nurse Emergency Room	Baylor Richardson Medical Center Richardson, Texas
1998 - 1999	Charge Nurse	Health Care for Women Richardson, Texas
2003 - 2004	WHNP	Parkland Health and Hospital System Dallas, Texas
2004 - Present	WHNP	Women's Health Associates Richardson, Texas
2008 - Present	Owner/NP Aesthetic Center	The Final Touch Richardson, Texas

6. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a WHNP with Women's Health Associates, Richardson, Texas, and had been in this position for eight (8) years.
7. On or about February 10, 2011, the Texas Board of Nursing was notified that Respondent had failed to maintain national certification in her advanced practice role and specialty from a nationally credentialed certifying body, as required in Rule 221.8(a)(1)(A). Respondent's conduct mislead patients, staff and the public into believing that her nursing practice was in compliance with all Board Rules and Regulations.
8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent admits that she failed to maintain national certification in her advanced practice role specialty but asserts that it was not intentional and that she was under the impression that when she renewed her APN nursing license, she was also renewing her national certification. Respondent explains that she never received any notification that her certification was due to be renewed.

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 violations of Section 301.452(b)(1), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A) and 221.8(a)(1)(A).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Women's Health Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nurse License Number 611168, heretofore issued to CORI L. THOMAS POOVEY, 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 A FINE, 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 pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

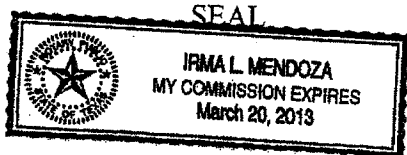
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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. 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 25 day of September, 2012

Cori Thomas Poovey
CORI L. THOMAS POOVEY, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of September, 2012.



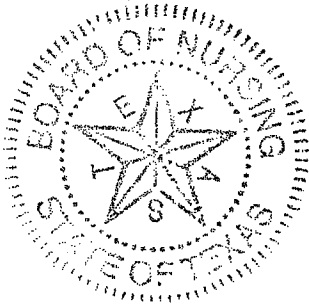
Irma L. Mendoza
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

Diane K. Shaw
Diane K. Shaw, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 25 day of Sept, 2012

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 25th day of September, 2012, by CORI L. THOMAS POOVEY, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nurse License Number 611168, and said Order is final.



Effective this 4th day of October, 2012.

Katherine A. Thomas

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Executive Director on behalf
of said Board