BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING





ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 630532, issued to JOAN D. BRUECKHEIMER, 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from San Antonio College, San Antonio, Texas on May 1, 1996. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 2, 1996.
- 4. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

06/1997 - 03/1998	Clinic Nurse	CMS Santa Fe State Prison Sante Fe, NM
03/1998 - 05/1999	Unknown	
05/1999 - 08/2007	Head Nurse Summer Camp	Timberlake West Camp Roscoe, NY

Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

02/2000 - 05/2000	Staff Nurse	Corcoran State Prison Corcoran, CA
09/2002 - 04/2004	Agency Nurse	MSN, Los Lunas State Prison Los Lunas, NM
09/2007 - 01/2008	Night Charge Nurse	Prison Health Services Alachua County Jail Gainesville, FL
01/2008 - 07/2008	Agency Clinic Nurse	Florida State Prison - Levy Work Camp for Women
07/2008 - 09/2008	School Nurse	State of Florida Williston Levy County, FL
010/2008 - 11/2008	Unemployed	
12/2008 - 03/2009	Agency Nurse Per-Diem	Maxim Health Care Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX
04/2009 - 08/2009	Unemployed	
09/2009 - 12/2009	Flu Shot Nurse/Clinic Nurse	Maxim Health Care Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX
2/2010 - 04/2010	Unemployed	
05/2010 - 07/2010	Volunteer Hospice Nurse	Dilks Family Mays Landing, NJ
07/2010 - 08/2010	Camp Nurse	Westmont Camp Poyntelle, PA
09/2010 - 11/2010	Flu Shot/Clinic Nurse	Maxim Health Care Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX
11/2010 - 12/2010	Night Charge Nurse (Agency)	Premier Health Services TDCJ Polunsky Unit

Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

01/2011 - 05/2011	Concierge	Watercrest at Mansfield Mansfield, Texas
06/2011 - 08/2011	Not employed in nursing	
09/2011 - 11/2011	Flu Shot Clinic Nurse (Contract)	Passport Health Plano, TX
01/2012 - 04/2012	Travel Nurse/Per Diem Nurse	Supplemental Health Ft. Worth, TX
05/2012 - Present	Unknown	1 00 11 01 011

- 5. On May 24, 2012, Respondent was provided notice of the following allegations:
 - On or about March 28, 2012, while employed at Supplemental Health Care Services, Fort Worth, Texas, and on assignment at Baylor Medical Center at Trophy Club, Trophy Club, Texas, Respondent withdrew Dilaudid from the Pyxis medication dispensing system for two (2) patients, but failed to document the administration of Dilaudid in the patients' Medication Administration Records (MAR).
 - On or about March 28, 2012, while employed at Supplemental Health Care Services, Fort Worth, Texas, and on assignment at Baylor Medical Center at Trophy Club, Trophy Club, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Dilaudid belonging to the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation.
 - On or about March 28, 2012, while employed at Supplemental Health Care Services, Fort Worth, Texas, and on assignment at Baylor Medical Center at Trophy Club, Trophy Club, Texas, Respondent removed Dilaudid from the Pyxis medication dispensing system for two (2) patients, but failed to follow the facility policy and procedure for wastage of the unused Dilaudid.
- 6. On September 17, 2012, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated September 7, 2012, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of $\S217.11(1)(A)$,(B)&(D) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE $\S217.12(1)(A)$ &(B),(4),(6)(G),(10)(C).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 630532, heretofore issued to JOAN D. BRUECKHEIMER, 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, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 7. 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.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 630532, heretofore issued to JOAN D. BRUECKHEIMER, to practice 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 professional nursing, use the title of 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.
- 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.

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.

Effective this 17th day of September, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

Sept 7, 2012

Texas Board of Nursing 333 Guadalupe St. Ste. 3-460 Austin, TX 78701

To whom it may concern,

I, Joan Brueckheimer, RN do hereby voluntarily surrender my license #630532 to practice in the state of Texas. I can be reached at 817 566-4002 for any questions regarding this matter. My correct address after the 1st of October 2012 will be 971 E. Sanford St. #3301 Arlington, Tx 76011. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Joan Brueckheimer

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Notary Public

Pristed Name