# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

JENNIFER REBECCA GRAHAM MILLS § APPLICANT for Eligibility for Licensure §

In the Matter of

AGREED ORDER

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

\*\*Attrues.\*\* Colleman\*\*

Executive Director of the Board

On the date entered below, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as Board, considered the Application for Licensure by Endorsement and supporting documents f by JENNIFER REBECCA GRAHAM MILLS, hereinafter referred to as APPLICANT, together with any documents and information gathered by staff and APPLICANT's Certificate contained herein. Information received by the Board produced evidence that APPLICANT may have violated Section 301.452(b)(8), Texas Occupations Code.

APPLICANT waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on February 15, 2008, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- On or about April 11, 2008, Applicant submitted an Application for Licensure by Endorsement requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Section 301.252, 301.257, and 301.260 of the Texas Occupations Code and the Board's Rule at 22 Texas Administrative Code Sections 213.30 and 217.5.
- 2. Applicant waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Applicant received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Pontatoc Area Votech., Ada, Oklahoma, in July 1995.
- 4. Applicant completed the Application for Licensure by Endorsement and answered "yes" to the question which reads as follows: "Has any licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license or certificate held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?"

- 8. On July 28, 2004, Applicant was issued a Stipulation, Settlement, and Order by the Oklahoma State Board of Nursing, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. A copy of the Stipulation, Settlement and Order dated July 28, 2004, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 9. Applicant has sworn that with the exception of matters disclosed in connection with the Temporary License/Endorsement Application, her past behavior conforms to the Board's professional character requirements.
- 10. After considering the action taken by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing along with Applicant's conduct since the incident, the Executive Director is satisfied that Applicant is able to meet the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
- 11. Applicant has sworn that her past behavior conforms to the Board's professional character requirements. Applicant presented no evidence of behavior which is inconsistent with good professional character.
- On February 15, 2009, the Executive Director considered evidence of Applicant's past behavior in light of the character factors set out in 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.27 and determined that Applicant currently demonstrates the criteria required for good professional character.
- 13. Licensure of Applicant poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public.
- 14. The Executive Director's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of Applicant's disclosures.
- Applicant has been advised by the Board that any information found to be incomplete, incorrect or misleading to the Board or a subsequent discovery of a basis of ineligibility will be considered by the Board and may result in an ultimate determination of ineligibility or the later revocation of a license obtained through fraud or deceit.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Texas Board of Nursing (Board) has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 301.453 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 2. Applicant has submitted an Application for Licensure by Endorsement requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Section 301.252, 301.257, and 301.260 of the Texas Occupations Code and the Board's Rule at 22 Texas Administrative Code Sections 213.30 and 217.5.

- 3. The Board may probate the denial of a license under conditions for a specified term pursuant to Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
- 4. This Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of Applicant's disclosures. Any subsequently discovered discrepancies will result in investigation and disciplinary action.
- 5. The Board may license an individual who has been previously convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to any crime whether or not a sentence was imposed upon consideration of the factors set out in 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.28 and evaluating the direct relationship to nursing according to Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 6. Applicant shall immediately notify the Board of any fact or event that could constitute a ground of ineligibility for licensure under Section 301.452 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.

## **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that the application of JENNIFER REBECCA GRAHAM MILLS, APPLICANT, is hereby conditionally GRANTED and shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) APPLICANT SHALL obtain and read the Texas Nursing Practice Act, and the Rules and Regulations Relating to Vocational Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice.
- (2) Upon payment of the necessary fees, APPLICANT SHALL be issued a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, which shall bear the appropriate notation.
- (3) APPLICANT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 et seq. and this Order.
- (4) IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to APPLICANT's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

- (5) IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while APPLICANT's license is encumbered by this Order the APPLICANT 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 APPLICANT wishes to work.
- (6) APPLICANT SHALL, within one (1) year of initial licensure in the State of Texas, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. APPLICANT 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) contact 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. APPLICANT 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 APPLICANT'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: <a href="http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, APPLICANT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

## APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I am the Applicant in this matter. I have fully and truthfully disclosed all of my past criminal conduct, and I have caused a complete and accurate disciplinary history to be submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing from each jurisdiction in which I have been sanctioned. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Application for Licensure by Endorsement, has been in conformity with the Board's character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past behavior. I have no pending investigations in any jurisdiction.

In connection with my application, I acknowledge that I have read and I understand Section 301.257, Texas Occupations Code, Section 301.452(a), (b) and (c), Texas Occupations Code, and Board Rules 213.27, 213.28, and 213.29 at 22 Texas Administrative Code. I agree with all terms of this Order, including the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any stipulations as set out in this Order. I acknowledge that this Order is stipulated and I understand that I am not eligible to receive a Temporary Permit to practice. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to accepting any permit or license from the Texas Board of Nursing.

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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

I understand that I can be represented by an attorney in this matter. I waive representation, notice, administrative hearing, and judicial review of this Order and request that the Executive Director of the Texas Board of Nursing enter this Order.

Signed this 5 day of 1004, 2009.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th

ELIZABETH BOON Ay Commission Expires August 22, 2010

**SEAL** 

Notary Public in and for the State of

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Eligibility Agreed Order that was signed on the \_\_15<sup>th</sup>\_\_ day of \_\_\_ May\_\_\_, \_\_2009\_, by JENNIFER REBECCA GRAHAM MILLS, APPLICANT, for Licensure by Endorsement, and said Order is final.

Effective this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

## BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF JENNIFER REBECCA ARTER MILLS, LPN LICENSE NO. L0036830

# STIPULATION, SETTLEMENT AND ORDER

This matter comes on before the Informal Disposition Panel ("Panel") of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing ("Board") on the 20th day of July, 2004, in the Conference Room of the Board Office, 2915 North Classen Boulevard, Suite 524, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Respondent appears in person without counsel.

#### **STIPULATION**

Respondent and the Panel hereby stipulate and agree to the following joint stipulation and proposed Order of the Board incorporating this stipulation and agreement in the above-styled matter.

- 1. Respondent's license to practice licensed practical nursing in the State of Oklahoma, being License No. L0036830, lapsed on the 1st day of October, 2003.
- 2. Respondent has submitted an Application for Reinstatement of License to practice licensed practical nursing in the State of Oklahoma.
- 3. From October 1, 2003, to May 23, 2004, Respondent practiced licensed practical nursing while employed at Ada Family Medical Center, Ada, Oklahoma, without a valid Oklahoma license.
- 4. No formal complaint has been filed as of the date of this stipulation charging Respondent with a violation of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act. Respondent understands that Respondent has a right to require that a formal complaint be filed and the right to a formal hearing before the Board at which time Respondent could confront the witnesses against Respondent, cross-

examine those witnesses, and present evidence in Respondent's own behalf. Respondent understands that by signing and agreeing to this stipulation Respondent is waiving those rights.

- 5. This stipulation is executed by the Respondent for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause. In this regard, Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent prior to or in conjunction with consideration of this stipulation. Furthermore, should this joint stipulation not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of this stipulation and other documents and matters by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation, consideration or resolution of these proceedings.
- 6. Respondent fully understands that this joint stipulation and subsequent Final Order incorporating same will in no way preclude additional proceedings by the Board against Respondent for acts or omissions not specifically made a part of this stipulation.
- 7. Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps, and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this joint stipulation of facts, conclusions of law and imposition of discipline, and the Final Order of the Board incorporating said stipulation.
- 8. It is expressly understood that this stipulation is subject to approval of the Board and has no force and effect until approved and Ordered by the Board.

#### STIPULATED DISPOSITION

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing that the Application for Reinstatement of License to practice licensed practical nursing filed herein by Respondent is hereby granted, but that Respondent is disciplined as follows:

1. Within thirty (30) days from the receipt of this Order Respondent shall submit

documentation of the successful completion of the Board's "Legal/Ethical Packet" and return to the Board office the "Legal/Ethical Packet".

2. Within thirty (30) days from receipt of this Order, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing in the amount of \$500.00. The administrative penalty shall be paid only by certified check, money order or cash.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the license to practice licensed practical nursing held by Respondent is hereby severely reprimanded.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any failure to comply with submission of the administrative penalty or written documentation by the due date, including but not limited to the Board's "Legal/Ethical Packet" will result in a three (3) month suspension of license. Any application for reinstatement may be subject to approval by Board staff or referred to the Board for approval. Administrative penalties for any such failure to comply shall be assessed and paid prior to reinstatement by certified check, money order, or cash pursuant to statute, 59 O.S. §567.8.J.1. and 2, and §485:10-11-2(d) of the Rules promulgated by the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this stipulation and reinstatement shall not be effective until the fully executed Order is received in the Board office.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon successful completion of all of the terms and conditions of this Order, no further Order of the Board shall be deemed necessary.

Respondent

Approved and ordered this

day of July, 2004.

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING

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