# BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS





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AGREED ORDER

ELIGIBILITY

On the date entered below, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as Board, considered the Temporary License/Endorsement Application and supporting documents filed by DEONNA MICHELLE CHAPMAN, 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)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code.

APPLICANT waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on September 25, 2008, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- On or about March 17, 2008, Applicant submitted an Application for Licensure by 1. Endorsement requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.257, and 301.260, of the Texas Occupations Code and the Board Rule's at 22 Texas Administrative Code Section 213.30 and 217.5.
- Applicant waived representation, notice, administrative hearing, and judicial review. 2.
- Applicant graduated with an Associate Degree in Nursing from Mohave Community 3. College, Fort Mohave, Arizona, in December 2005.
- Applicant completed the Temporary License/Endorsement Application for Registered Nurses 4. and answered "yes" to the following question: "Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?"

- 5. On or about March 22, 2007, Applicant signed a three year contract with the CANDO Program with the Arizona State Board of Nursing. On or about June 4, 2007, Applicant was issued an Addendum to Stipulated Agreement for Treatment Rehabilitation, and Monitoring of Chemical Dependency, for non compliance with Agreement entered on March 22, 2007. Applicant was granted continued participation in the CANDO Program for three (3) years as of June 4, 2007.
- 6. Applicant presented evidence of current fitness to practice professional nursing, provided Applicant complies with the stipulations as outlined in this Order.
- 7. The safety of patients and the public requires that all persons licensed to practice nursing be fit, sober, and able to consistently practice nursing in autonomous roles under demanding and stressful conditions.
- 8. The Executive Director considered evidence of Applicant's substance abuse and subsequent rehabilitation as provided in §213.29, 22 Texas Administrative Code.
- 9. The Executive Director's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of the information provided by Applicant.
- 10. 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. Applicant presented no evidence of behavior which is inconsistent with the Board's character requirements in 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.27.
- 11. Applicant'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. The Texas Board of Nursing 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 Rule's at 22 Texas Administrative Code Section 213.30 and 217.5.
- 3. 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.

- 4. The Texas Board of Nursing may license an individual who has a history of substance abuse, after consideration of the criteria set out in 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.29, the Board determines the Applicant does not currently pose a direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public.
- 5. The Board may, in its discretion, order a Applicant, upon initial licensure as a registered 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 that the application of DEONNA MICHELLE CHAPMAN, APPLICANT, is hereby conditionally GRANTED and shall be subject to conditions.

- (1) APPLICANT shall obtain and read the Texas Nursing Practice Act, and the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice.
- (2) IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that APPLICANT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 et seq., and this Order.

IN ADDITION, IT IS THEREFORE FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that APPLICANT, upon initial licensure, SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for APPLICANT to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

(1) APPLICANT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days of initial licensure, apply to and be accepted into the TPAPN, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payable to TPAPN.

- (2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, APPLICANT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN contract to the Texas Board of Nursing.
- (3) APPLICANT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN contract during its term.
- (4) APPLICANT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN contract.

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Applicant's license is encumbered by this Order, 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD APPLICANT 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 revocation of a APPLICANT's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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## APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I am the Applicant in this matter. I have fully and truthfully disclosed all relevant information in conformity with Rule 213.29 at Texas Administrative Code. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Temporary License/Endorsement Application, 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 conviction, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending 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 Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code, and Board Rules 213.27, 213.28, and 213.29 at 22 Texas Administrative Code, which are incorporated by reference as a part of this Order. I agree with all terms of this Order, including the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any stipulations set out in this Order. 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 professional 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 23 day of February 2000

DEONNA MICHELLE CHAPMAN, APPLICANT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of

**SEAL** 

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF TEXAS My Comm. Exp. 10-01-2009 Notary Public in and for the State of

S45t/September 25, 2008

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Order of Conditional Eligibility that was signed on the \_\_23<sup>rd</sup>\_ day of \_\_February\_, \_2009\_, by DEONNA MICHELLE CHAPMAN, APPLICANT, for Temporary License/Endorsement, and said Order is final.

Entered and effective this 16th day of March, 2009.

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