

In the Matter of ,
Permanent Registered Nurse
License Number 653847
Issued to CATHERINE CORBIN,
Respondent

§ BEFORE THE TEXAS
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§ BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

TO: CATHERINE CORBIN
c/o ELIZABETH HIGGINBOTHAM, RN
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A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing was held on October 23, 2012 at 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460, Austin, Texas, in which the Temporary Suspension of Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 653847, issued to CATHERINE CORBIN was considered pursuant to Section 301.4551, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE. Staff of the Texas Board of Nursing appeared and presented evidence and information concerning the conduct of CATHERINE CORBIN and whether her continued practice as a nurse would constitute a continuing and imminent threat to the public welfare.

After review and due consideration of the evidence and information presented, the Board finds that the following charges are substantiated:

On or about May 13, 2011, while employed with Longview Regional Medical Center, Longview, Texas, and subject to an Order of the Board issued to her on August 17, 2010, by the Texas Board of Nursing, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Demerol and violated her Order of the Board in that she produced a specimen for a drug screen which resulted positive for Demerol. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with Stipulation Number Seven (7) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:



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

(7) RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose....

On or about July 14, 2011, while employed with Longview Regional Medical Center, Longview, Texas, and subject to an Order of the Board issued to her on August 17, 2010, by the Texas Board of Nursing, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Demerol and violated her Order of the Board in that she produced a specimen for a drug screen which resulted positive for Demerol. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with Stipulation Number Seven (7) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(7) RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose....

On or about August 16, 2011, while employed with Longview Regional Medical Center, Longview, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with Stipulation Number Eight (8) of the Agreed Order issued to her on August 17, 2010, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Stipulation Number Eight (8) of the Agreed Order states, in pertinent part:

(8) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic drug screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

On August 16, 2011, Respondent was selected to provide a specimen for a random drug screen. However, Respondent failed to call in or log on to the random drug testing system with FirstLab and did not produce a specimen as required.

On or about September 26, 2011, while employed with Longview Regional Medical Center, Longview, Texas, and subject to an Order of the Board issued to her on August 17, 2010, by the Texas Board of Nursing, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Demerol and violated her Order of the Board in that she produced a specimen for a drug screen which resulted positive for

Demerol. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with Stipulation Number Seven (7) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(7) RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose....

On or about October 3, 2011, while employed with Longview Regional Medical Center, Longview, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on August 17, 2010, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with Stipulation Number Eight (8) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(8) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic drug screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

On October 3, 2011, Respondent was selected to provide a specimen for a random drug screen. However, Respondent failed to call in or log on to the random drug testing system with FirstLab and did not produce a specimen as required.

On or about November 17, 2011, while employed with Longview Regional Medical Center, Longview, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on August 17, 2010, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with Stipulation Number Eight (8) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(8) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic drug screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....

On November 17, 2011, Respondent was selected to provide a specimen for a random drug screen. However, Respondent failed to call in or log on to the random drug testing system with FirstLab and did not produce a specimen as required.

The Texas Board of Nursing further finds that, given the nature of the charges concerning her fitness to practice, the continued practice of nursing by CATHERINE CORBIN constitutes a continuing and imminent threat to public welfare and that the temporary suspension of Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 653847, is justified pursuant to Section 301.4551, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 653847, issued to CATHERINE CORBIN, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are, hereby SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY in accordance with Section 301.4551, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a probable cause hearing be conducted in accordance with Section 301.455(c) not later than seventeen (17) days following the date of the entry of this order, and a final hearing on the matter be conducted in accordance with 301.455(d) not later than the 61st day following the date of the entry of this order.

Entered this 23rd day of October, 2012.

Texas Board of Nursing

BY:



Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director