

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED ORDER
Registered Nurse License Number 557931 §
issued to PATRICIA SUE DANNHEIM § FOR DEFERRED DISCIPLINE

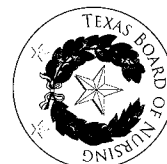
On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of PATRICIA SUE DANNHEIM, Registered Nurse License Number 557931, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on July 27, 2012.

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 representation by counsel, 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 an Associate Degree in Nursing from Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, South Dakota, on May 28, 1982. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 15, 1990.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

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| 06/1982 - 12/1982 | MedSurg Staff Nurse | St. John's Hospital Huron, South Dakota |
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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.
Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

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| 12/1982 - 07/1987 | Industrial Nurse/ Assistant Personnel Manager | Swift Independent Packing Co. Huron, South Dakota |
| 01/1987 - 01/1990 | Staff Nurse/Director Of Nursing | Deuel County Memorial Hospital Clear Lake, South Dakota |
| 01/1990 - 01/1992 | Staff Nurse | North Texas Rehabilitation Arlington, Texas |
| 01/1992 - 06/1994 | Intensive Care Unit (ICU) SubAcute Staff Nurse | Transitional Hospital of Arlington Arlington, Texas |
| 01/1994 - 06/1994 | ICU Staff Nurse | Mineral Wells Hospital Mineral Wells, Texas |
| 07/1994 - 12/1994 | Unknown | |
| 01/1995 - 06/1997 | Night Supervisor/ Emergency Room (ER) Nurse | Chamberlain Hospital Chamberlain, South Dakota |
| 06/1997 - 06/1998 | Staff Nurse | Huron Nursing Home Huron, South Dakota |
| 06/1998 - 12/2002 | Agency Nurse | USA Personnel Staffing Agency Denver, Colorado |
| 01/2003 - 07/2004 | Staff Nurse | Village Health Care Center Missoula, Montana |
| 08/2004 - 09/2004 | Unknown | |
| 10/2004 - 03/2005 | Staff Nurse | Palo Pinton Nursing Home Mineral Wells, Texas |
| 03/2005 - 01/2007 | Night Supervisor/ ER Nurse | Faith Community Hospital Jacksboro, Texas |

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

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| 01/2006 - 03/2007 | ICU Staff Nurse | Weatherford Regional Medical Center Weatherford, Texas |
| 01/2007 - 12/2007 | Director of Nursing | Resort Lodge Mineral Wells, Texas |
| 01/2008 - 09/2008 | Director of Nursing | Seven Oaks Nursing Home Olney, Texas |
| 10/2008 - 08/2009 | Med/Surg Staff Nurse | Weatherford Regional Medical Center Weatherford, Texas |
| 08/2009 - 05/2010 | Weekend Supervisor/ As Needed (PRN) Staff Nurse | Graham Oaks Care Center Graham, Texas |
| 05/2010 - 12/2010 | Staff Nurse | Weatherford Health Care Center Weatherford, Texas |
| 01/2011 - Present | Unknown | |

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with Weather Health Care Center, Weatherford, Texas, and had been in this position for six (6) months.
7. On or about November 30, 2010, while employed with Weatherford Health Care Center, Weatherford, Texas, Respondent failed to adequately assess and intervene when it was reported to her that Patient Medical Record Number 2010090 was found lying on a mat placed beside his low bed. Respondent did not document the event in the medical record. The next day, when management was notified, they performed an assessment, notified the Nurse Practitioner and the Patient's wife, and ordered an x-ray. No fracture or displacement was found, only swelling of the elbow. Respondent's conduct may have deprived the patient of timely detection and intervention which may have been required to treat the patient.
8. On or about November 30, 2010, while employed with Weatherford HealthCare Center, Weatherford, Texas, Respondent failed to assess after having to administer two (2) Nitroglycerin tablets sublingually to Patient Medical Record Number 2004052. The next day, the patient was observed going around in circles in his motorized wheelchair with decreased coherence. The Nurse Practitioner ordered the patient to be sent out to the hospital. Respondent's conduct may have deprived the patient of timely detection of reaction to the medication and medical intervention which may have been required to treat the patient.

9. In response to the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states that Patient Number 2010090 complained of chest pain that was stabbing in nature. He denied radiation to the neck, jaw, arms, back, or right chest and exhibited no diaphoresis or anxiety. Respondent states that she left the room to get the sublingual nitroglycerin and on the way to the med cart, she was called into the room of Patient Number 2004052. The CNA who was in the room stated that she was getting the patient dressed when he slid to the floor from the mattress (approximately 4-5 inches). Respondent states that the patient had a history of falls, and was sitting on the mat when she entered the room and that she did not consider this a fall and did not complete an incident report. Respondent states she quickly assessed the patient for abrasions to his back, deformities of hips and extremities and found nothing abnormal and he denied pain. At that time, she went and got the sublingual nitroglycerin and administered it to the patient with chest pain. Respondent states she went back to the 2nd patient and took his vital signs, which were within normal limits, and then went back to the patient with chest pain, who now rated his pain a six (6) rather than an eight (8) with slightly elevated vital signs. Respondent states that this patient continued to deny radiation of pain. Respondent concludes that she administered a second dose of nitroglycerin to the patient five (5) minutes later and that she reassessed him, he denied having pain, and his vital signs were within normal limits.

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 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(D),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).
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 557931, heretofore issued to PATRICIA SUE DANNHEIM, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a REMEDIAL EDUCATION, DEFERRED, 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 Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL not commit any violation of 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.* for a period of five (5) years from the date of this Order.

(2) 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.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing documentation. 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. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length of classroom time. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL cause the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Board's office 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:*
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(4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension. In order to receive credit for completion of this program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.*

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that should an additional allegation, complaint, accusation, or petition be reported or filed against Respondent prior to the completion of this Order, the deferral period shall be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been finally acted upon by the Board.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that should RESPONDENT commit a subsequent violation of the Nursing Practice Act or Board Rules, this Order shall be treated as prior disciplinary action.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, including the successful completion of the required period of deferral, the complaint or complaints which formed the basis for this action will be dismissed, and this Order will be made confidential to the same extent as a complaint filed under Section 301.466, Texas Occupations Code. Further, 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that until such time that this Order is made confidential, this Order is subject to disclosure in accordance with applicable law.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

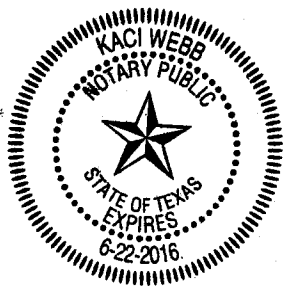
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and 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, the Board may stay the dismissal of the complaint filed against me, and that I will be subject to investigation and possible disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 14 day of Sept, 20 12.

Patricia S. Dannheim
PATRICIA SUE DANNHEIM, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of September, 20 12.

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Kaci Webb
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order for Deferred Discipline that was signed on the 14th day of September, 2012, by PATRICIA SUE DANNHEIM, Registered Nurse License Number 557931, and said Order is final.

Effective this 4th day of October, 2012.



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