

In the Matter of

§ AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 211619

issued to AIMEE LYNNE MARTIN

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of AIMEE LYNNE MARTIN, Vocational Nurse License Number 211619, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.251, Texas Occupations Code, and Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), 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 June 19, 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Brazosport Community College, Lake Jackson, Texas, on July 26, 2007. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 11, 2007.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.

I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document with some file or is of record in the offices of the State of Nursing.

Executive Director of the Board

- On or about November 1, 2009 through March 31, 2011, while employed with Hospice Care Team, Lake Jackson, Texas, Respondent practiced as a Vocational Nurse without a valid license. Board records indicate that Respondent's license expired on September 30, 2009. Respondent's conduct deceived residents, their families, fellow care givers, and the public in that they believed Respondent's nursing practice was in compliance with all Board Rules and Regulations.
- 7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states during the said time period of the allegations, she was periodically checking on patients they had on their service at Hospice Care Team, Inc. However, there were no procedures performed during her visits that an LVN or RN only were allowed to carry out. She was in the last trimester of her pregnancy and was unable to physically complete any nursing actions. She did sign her name with the LVN suffix and she knew that it was something she was not allowed to do. Her only reasoning behind this act is that because she was 7 1/2 months pregnant, her abnormally high hormone levels had a huge effect on hindering her judgment in more ways than one; including, signing her name the way she did instead of the way she should have.

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 and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(H)&(11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.251, Texas Occupations Code, and Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 211619, heretofore issued to AIMEE LYNNE MARTIN, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) 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.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars. RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five 45 days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, 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.

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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, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 18 day of Clober, 2012.

AIMEE LYNNE MARTÍN, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

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Notary Public in and for the State of __

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 18th day of October, 2012, by AIMEE LYNNE MARTIN, Vocational Nurse License Number 211619, and said Order is final.



Effective this 24th day of October, 2012.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board