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*Patricia A. Plummer*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of §  
Registered Nurse License Number 571242 §  
issued to JUDY RENEE SULLIVAN §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 571242, issued to JUDY RENEE SULLIVAN, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from North Central Texas College, Gainesville, Texas, on May 1, 1991. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 26, 1991.

4. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

09/05 - 06/12	RN	Lake Grandbury Medical Center Grandbury, Texas
6/12 - present	unknown	

5. In a letter dated September 18, 2012, Respondent was notified by the Board of the following alleged violations of the Nursing Practice Act of the State of Texas:

On or about June 25, 2012, while employed with Lake Grandbury Medical Center, Grandbury, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she was observed exhibiting impaired behavior including, but not limited to: slurred speech.

On or about June 25, 2012, while employed with Lake Grandbury Medical Center, Grandbury, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of a controlled substance or dangerous drug in that she admitted to taking her husband's prescription medications.

6. On October 25, 2012, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated October 25, 2012, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
7. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
8. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.

#### 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 §217.12(1)(E), (4), (5), (10)(A) and (11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9), (10) & (12) Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 571242, heretofore issued to JUDY RENEE SULLIVAN, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.

6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.452 (b), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC §§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 571242, heretofore issued to JUDY RENEE SULLIVAN, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing.

In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title of registered nurse or the abbreviation RN or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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.

Effective this 25th day of October, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:



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