

## BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse

§ AGREED

License Number 749160

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issued to AMY JANEEN KOCH

ORDER

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 749160, issued to AMY JANEEN KOCH, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

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

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was provided to 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 informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, which is in inactive status.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Edison Community College, Fort Myers, Florida, on December 6, 2006. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on December 20, 2007.
- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history is unknown.

- 6. On or about December 10, 2010, Respondent pled Guilty to POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE WEIGHING 1-4 GRAMS, a 2nd Degree Felony offense committed on April 27, 2010, reduced to a lesser 3rd Degree Felony offense, in the 185th District Court of Harris County, Texas, under Cause 1260955. As a result, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of four (4) years and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- 7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states on or about July 7, 2011, she was admitted into COPAC, an inpatient treatment facility in Brandon, Mississippi, and successfully discharged on February 18, 2011.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

## **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 a violation of Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.453(a), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 749160, heretofore issued to AMY JANEEN KOCH, 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.

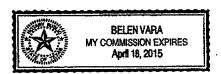
## RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation 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 this Order becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 19th day of July, 20012	
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AMY JANEEN KOCH, Respondent	

Sworn to and subscribed before me this Athday of July , 2012.

**SEAL** 



Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

STANLEY G. SCHNEIDER, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 1944 day of July , 2012.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 749160, previously issued to AMY JANEEN KOCH.

Effective this 31 day of Octuber, 20 12.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board