# BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Vocational License Number 130973

§ AGREED

issued to DOROTHY ANN JOHNSON

§ ORDER

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referre to as the Board, considered the matter of DOROTHY ANN JOHNSON, Vocational Nurse Licens Number 130973, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on July 3, 2006, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

# 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.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, 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 Vernon Regional Junior College, Wichita Falls, Texas, on August 17, 1990. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 28, 1990.
- 5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

11/1990 - 10/1991

Unknown

11/1991 - 02/1994

Staff Nurse

Wichita Falls State Hospital

Wichita Falls, Texas

Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

03/1994 - 06/2000	Unknown	
07/2000 - 07/2003	Staff Nurse	Texoma Women's Clinic Wichita Falls, Texas
08/2003 - 11/2003	Unknown	
12/2003 - 04/2004	Staff Nurse	Kell West Family Practice Wichita Falls, Texas
05/2004	Unknown	
06/2004 - 10/2004	Staff Nurse	Spectrum Healthcare St. Louis, Missouri
10/2004 - 10/2005	Staff Nurse	Helen Farabee Center Wichita Falls, Texas
11/2005 - Present	Unknown	

- 6. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with Helen Farabee Center, Wichita Falls, Texas, and had been in this position for eight (8) months.
- 7. On or about June 21, 2005, while employed with Helen Farabee Center, Wichita Falls, Texas, Respondent verbally abused Client JV during a group meeting when she raised her voice at the client and pounded her fist on the conference table. Consequently, the client began to cry and became non-verbal. Respondent's conduct violated the patient's rights, and was likely to injure the patient from emotional and/or psychological injuries.
- 8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states, "I was very stern in my tone because I wanted them to understand the importance of this. He never would answer me." Respondent further states, "It was not my intent to verbally abuse [Client] JV. I was only trying to get the point across to them about not crying 'wolf' and the consequences that go with it when you do."

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- Notice was served in accordance with law.

- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(C).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 130973, heretofore issued to DOROTHY ANN JOHNSON, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Vocational Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 et seq. and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license is encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure 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 deliver the wallet-sized license issued to DOROTHY ANN JOHNSON to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of the date of ratification of this Order for appropriate notation.

- (2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence. 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) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, and documentation of care. 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 on the Board's website, www.bne.state.tx.us (under BNE events).
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is <u>not</u> 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) contact hours in length. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: principles of nursing ethics; confidentiality; and professional boundaries. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to verify RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. 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*

on the Board's website, www.bne.state.tx.us (under BNE events).

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in "Detecting and Preventing Abuse and Neglect," a six (6) contact hour workshop presented in various locations by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services. In order to receive credit for completion of this workshop, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this workshop 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. *Information regarding this workshop may be found at the following website:* www.dads.state.tx.us/business/ltcr/Training/jointtraining.cfm or by contacting Lynn.Cooper@dads.state.tx.us.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

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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 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 to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this $\frac{31}{5}$ day of $\frac{000}{200}$ , $\frac{2000}{200}$ .	
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DOROTHY ANN JOHNSON, Respondent	_

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of
the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order
that was signed on the 31st day of October , 20 06, by DOROTHY ANN
JOHNSON, Vocational Nurse License Number 130973, and said Order is final.
Effective this <u>1st</u> day of <u>December</u> , 20 <u>06</u> .

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN Executive Director on behalf

of said Board