BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse License Number 132690

§ AGREED

issued to DIANNE MARIE HILL

§ ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Boar considered the matter of DIANNE MARIE HILL, Vocational Nurse License Number 13269 hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on October 5, 2007, 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 South Plains College, Lubbock, Texas, on January 14, 1991. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 30, 1991.
- 5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

05/91 - 04/02

Unknown

05/02 - 03/03

LVN Charge Nurse

Crosbyton Clinic Hospital

Ralls, Texas

Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

04/03 - 10/03	Unknown	
11/03 - 12/03	LVN Charge Nurse	Lakeside Rehabilitation Hospital and Care Center Lubbock, Texas
12/03 - 06/04	LVN Charge Nurse	Mi Casita Lubbock, Texas
07/04 - 10/04	LVN Charge Nurse	Whisperwood Lubbock, Texas
11//04	LVN Charge Nurse	Tahoka Care Center Tahoka, Texas
11/04 - 02/06	LVN Charge Nurse	Lakeside Rehabilitation Hospital and Care Center Lubbock, Texas
03/06 - present	Unknown	

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Lakeside Rehabilitation Hospital and Care Center, Lubbock, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately one (1) year and two (2) months.
- 7. On or about January 28, 2006, while employed with Lakeside Rehabilitation Hospital and Care Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent failed to transcribe medications, during the admit process, on the medical records for Client #509-26-1857, as ordered by the physician. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to care for the patient, and Respondent's failure to transcribe medications could have resulted in nonefficacious treatment.

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)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(B)&(D) and §217.12(1)(A)&(4).

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 132690, heretofore issued to DIANNE MARIE HILL, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, 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 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 DIANNE MARIE HILL to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing 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 and 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. 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, 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 Chemical Dependency, 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.state.tx.us/about/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: http://www.bon.state.tx.us/about/stipscourses.html.

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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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 1st day of November, 20 07, by DIANNE MARIE HILL, Vocational Nurse License Number 132690, and said Order is final.

Effective this 6th day of November, 2007.

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

of said Board