

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of § AGREED  
Registered Nurse License Number 604518 §  
issued to ANDREA WOOD § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ANDREA WOOD, Registered Nurse License Number 604518, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10),(12)&(13) and 301.453, 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 August 20, 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.
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 nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Ulster County Community College, Stone Ridge, New York, on June 1, 1986. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas in June 15, 1994.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

9/1986 - 2/1988	Staff Nurse	Lourdes Hospital Binghamton, New York
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I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.  
*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

3/1988 - 6/1988	Staff Nurse	Urgent Care Nashua, New Hampshire
3/1988 - 1/1989	Staff Nurse	International Health Specialists Newton, Massachusetts
1/1989 - 11/1989	Staff Nurse	Tempocare Medford, Massachusetts
12/1989	Unknown	
1/1990 - 5/1991	Staff Nurse	Lowell General Hospital Lowell, Massachusetts
5/1991 - 11/1991	Staff Nurse	KI Staff Associates Cambridge, Massachusetts
12/1991 - 8/1992	Unknown	
9/1992 - 6/1994	Staff Nurse	Ferncliff Nursing Home Rhinebeck, New York
7/1994 - 9/1994	Unknown	
10/1994 - 12/1996	Staff Nurse	Seton Medical Center Austin, Texas
1/1997 - 7/1997	Unknown	
8/1997 - 5/1998	Staff Nurse	Palm Manor Nursing Home Chelmsford, Massachusetts
6/1998 - 7/1998	Unknown	
8/1998 - 1/2002	Staff Nurse	Seton Medical Center Austin, Texas
2/2002 - 7/2002	Unknown	
8/2002 - 1/2005	Staff Nurse	St. David's Rehabilitation Hospital Austin, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

2/2005 - 10/2010	Staff Nurse	Austin State Hospital Austin, Texas
11/2010	Unknown	
12/2010 - 4/2011	Staff Nurse	Crdenia Austin, Texas
5/2011 - 3/2012	Staff Nurse	Reliant Rehabilitation Hospital Round Rock, Texas
4/2012 - Present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with Reliant Rehabilitation Hospital, Round Rock, Texas, and had been in this position for nine (9) months.
7. On or about February 29, 2012, while employed as a Staff Nurse with Reliant Rehabilitation Hospital, Round Rock, Texas, Respondent left her nursing assignment before the end of her shift because she was not feeling mentally competent and without notifying her supervisor. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure patients in that leaving the nursing assignment could have resulted in Respondent's assigned patients not receiving the care that they needed.
8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she left because she was not feeling well or mentally competent during the shift and regrets that she did not notify the house supervisor. Respondent indicates that she had been diagnosed and treated for mental illness in the past and states that she had been seeing a mental health provider, beginning in March 2011, but had been out of her prescribed medications since November 2011. Respondent states that she contacted a psychiatrist for care but the psychiatrist was not accepting new patients.
9. The Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
10. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding of Fact resulted from or was significantly influenced by Respondent's mental illness.
11. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.455, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violations of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(I)&(1)(T) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(E),(4),(5)&(12).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10),(12)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 604518, heretofore issued to ANDREA WOOD, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT, in lieu of the sanction of Revocation under Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to TPAPN and SHALL, within ninety (90) days following the date of entry of this final Order, sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payable to TPAPN.

(2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Texas Board of Nursing.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

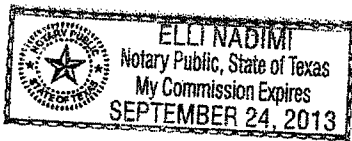
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation alleged herein. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions One (1) through Four (4) of this Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, and 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 8 day of Nov., 2012.

Andrea Wood  
ANDREA WOOD, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Nov., 2012

SEAL



[Signature]  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept and enter the Agreed Order that was signed on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012 by ANDREA WOOD, Registered Nurse License Number 604518, and said Order is final.

Entered and effective this 16th day of November, 2012.



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

