

In the Matter of Family Nurse Practitioner and

AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 643147

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issued to STACY GINN

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An investigation by the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, produced evidence indicating that STACY GINN, Family Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nurse License Number 643147, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.

An informal conference was held on October 30, 2012, at the office of the Texas Board of Nursing, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent appeared in person. Respondent was represented by Taralynn Mackay, RN, Attorney at Law. In attendance were Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director; Kyle Hensley, Assistant General Counsel; Jolene Zych, MS, RN, WHNP-BC - Advanced Practice Nurse Consultant; Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ, Director, Enforcement Division; and Christen M. Werley, Investigator.

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(s).
- 2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Diploma in Nursing from Methodist Hospital, Lubbock, Texas, on May 1, 1997. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 15, 1997. Respondent completed a Family Nurse Practitioner Program at Texas Tech University Health Science Center, Lubbock, Texas, on August 16, 2008. Respondent was recognized as a Family Nurse Practitioner by the Texas Board of Nursing on December 31, 2008.

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Executive Director of the Board

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5. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history includes:

07/1997-12/03	RN	Covenant Medical Center Lubbock, Texas
05/01-07/05	RN	US Army Reserves Houston, Texas
12/03-10/08	RN	Lubbock Heart Hospital Lubbock, Texas
10/08-Present	FNP	Physician Network Services Lubbock, Texas
07/09-06/11	RN	Lubbock Heart Hospital Lubbock, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident as stated in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as an Registered Nurse with Lubbock Heart Hospital, Lubbock, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately one (1) year and eleven (11) months.
- 7. On or about June 14, 2011, while employed as a Registered Nurse, with Lubbock Heart Hospital, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent obtained three (2) bags of intravenous (IV) fluids from the Emergency Department without approval from hospital administration and without establishing payment for the IV fluids. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility of the cost of the IV fluids.
- 8. In Response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states the patient is her stepfather who is a patient of the Physician Network Services where she is his Family Nurse Practitioner. Respondent states her actions to assist him were not because he was her stepfather, but rather, because he was in need of fluids due to dehydration. Respondent states it was late in the evening and there were not any pharmacies open. Respondent states she explained the need for the IV fluids to the Emergency Department billing office once it opened, but when she was called by the hospital and offered the prescription and insurance information, it was refused.

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(6)(G).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Family Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nurse License Number 643147, and Vocational Nurse License Number 0, heretofore issued to STACY GINN, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a REMEDIAL EDUCATION AND A FINE, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 *et seq.* and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) 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) hours in The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, length. 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 Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; 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.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension. In order to receive credit for completion of this program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program 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. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board*

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(\$500) dollars. RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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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(s) 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(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this day of Norther, 2012

STACY GINN, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7 day of November, 20 12

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SANDRA HOUSE of Texas

Notary Public in and for the State of Teyas

My Commission Expires
January 05, 2015

Approved as to form and substance.

TARALYNN MACKAY, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 13th day of November, 20/2.

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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

7th day of November, 2012, by STACY GINN, Family Nurse Practitioner and Registered
Nurse License Number 643147, and said Order is final.

Effective this 16th day of November, 2012.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board