BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse

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AGREED

License Number 727273

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Issued to CAROL A. BUNKER

§ ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of CAROL A. BUNKER, Registered Nurse License Number 72727 hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(8), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on June 2, 2008, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Oklahoma State University Technical Branch, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on December 17, 1983, and received a Graduate Certificate from the Institute of Midwifery, Women and Health, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on January 1, 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Oklahoma on March 23, 1984; became recognized as a Nurse Midwife with Prescriptive Authority in the State of Oklahoma on April 22, 2003; was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on May 10, 2006; and became recognized as a Nurse Midwife with Prescriptive Authorization in the State of Texas on June 22, 2007.

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- 5. Respondent's complete nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about January 31, 2008, Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Oklahoma was severely reprimanded through a Consent Order before the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, which finds, in relevant part, that:

"On or about January 8, 2007, at approximately 0730, while employed as a staff registered nurse with Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the Respondent falsified the documentation of laboring patient J.L. by pre-charting the method of delivery, charting 'N/A' for nuchal cord complications, and one (1) minute and five (5) minute Apgar scores for the infant of labor patient J.L. ..."

A copy of the Consent Order before the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, dated January 31, 2008, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

7. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states that she did not realize that filling out part of the electronic Delivery/Operative Record prior to delivery constituted false documentation. Respondent states that this was a common practice by the nurses in the unit, and that she saw this electronic form as a worksheet, which was finalized at delivery and printed for the attending physician's review and signature. Respondent points out that the facility had transitioned from paper documentation to electronic documentation but that the staff did not receive training in the legal aspects of electronic charting, and Respondent also points out that it was the facility's practice to print the entire record after the delivery with the electronic copy remaining on optical disk and the paper copy being the "official" record. Respondent concludes that she was just trying to increase her efficiency because if anything on the delivery record was not accurate, she could quickly and easily correct it as the delivery took place, then print the records.

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 of Section 301.452(b)(8).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 727273, heretofore issued to CAROL A. BUNKER, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice 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 a WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS, 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 nursing in compact states.

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 CAROL A. BUNKER, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days from 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 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.state.tx.us/about/stipscourses.html.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL fully comply with all the terms and conditions of the Consent Order issued to CAROL A. BUNKER, a.k.a. CAROL ANNE BUNKER STREET BUNKER, on January 31, 2008, by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the Oklahoma Board of Nursing to submit quarterly reports, on forms provided by the Texas Board, that CAROL A. BUNKER is in compliance with the Order of the Board, and RESPONDENT SHALL cause the Oklahoma Board of Nursing to submit written verification of Respondent's successful completion of that Order. Evidence of compliance/completion with the terms of the Order of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing will be accepted as evidence of compliance/completion of the terms of this Order issued by the Texas Board of Nursing.

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 nursing in the State of Texas.

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 this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, 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 to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

CAROL A. BUNKER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this // day of

SEAL

Notary Public in and for the State of

AY COMMISSION EXPIRES August 22, 2010

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 16th day of July, 2008, by CAROL A. BUNKER, Registered Nurse License Number 727273, and said Order is final.

Effective this 9th day of September, 2008.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF CAROL ANNE BUNKER STREET BUNKER, R.N., CNM LICENSE NO. R0042128 (TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED)

CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes on for hearing before the Oklahoma Board of Nursing ("Board") on the 31st day of January, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 2101 South Meridian Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for disposition by Consent Order, pursuant to 75 O.S. § 309.E., and the Respondent, having consented to the following Consent Order being entered herein, the Board hereby makes and enters the following Consent Order.

- 1. On or about January 8, 2007, at approximately 0730, while employed as a staff registered nurse with Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the Respondent falsified the documentation of laboring patient J.L. by pre-charting the method of delivery, charting "N/A" for nuchal cord complications, and one (1) minute and five (5) minute Appar scores for the infant of labor patient J.L. The infant of J.L. was delivered at 1834 on January 8, 2007, as shown on the medical records of J.L. attached to the Amended Complaint and made a part thereof.
 - 2. Respondent's temporary suspension of nursing license shall be lifted.
- 3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the receipt of this Order, successfully complete a course on Nursing Jurisprudence. Respondent shall obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses, Internet and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience must include licensed nurses. It must be a minimum of four (4) contact hours in length. The course must include an examination of the scope of

nursing practice from the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act and Rules of the Board, other laws, policies, and accreditation guidelines that govern the practice of nursing, the role of delegation and supervision, and an exploration of the ethical basis of nursing practice. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. The course description must indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. Respondent shall cause the sponsoring institution to submit verification of Respondent's successful completion of the course to the Board office.

- 4. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from receipt of this Order, successfully complete a course on Critical Thinking, to include moral reasoning. Respondent shall obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Courses that exclusively include home study courses, video programs, and Internet courses will not be approved. The target audience must include licensed nurses. The course must be a minimum of eight (8) contact hours in length. The course description must indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. The course must address how nurses use critical thinking skills to make patient care decisions based on the nursing process. Respondent shall cause the sponsoring institution to submit verification of Respondent's successful completion of the course to the Board office.
- 5. Respondent shall, within one hundred twenty (120) days from receipt of this Order, successfully complete a course on Nursing Documentation, to include legal aspects of computerized charting. Respondent shall obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Courses that exclusively include home study courses, video programs, or Internet courses will not be approved. The target audience must include licensed nurses. The course must be a minimum of eight

- (8) hours in length. The course must contain content on the following: guidelines and processes for objective reporting and recording; legal guidelines for recording; methods of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; computerized charting/documentation; and case studies with practical demonstration of documentation to be reviewed by a registered nurse for appropriateness. The course description must indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. Respondent shall cause the sponsoring institution to submit verification of Respondent's successful completion of the course to the Board office.
- 6. Respondent shall, within one hundred twenty (120) days from receipt of this Order, successfully complete a course on Nursing Ethics, to include professional boundaries. Respondent shall obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Courses that exclusively include home study courses, video programs, or Internet courses will not be approved. The target audience must include licensed nurses. The course must contain content on the following concepts: professional ethics, professional boundaries, boundary crossings, boundary violations and professional sexual misconduct. The course must be a minimum of four (4) contact hours in length and include case studies and role playing. The course description must indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. Respondent shall cause the sponsoring institution to submit verification of Respondent's successful completion of the course to the Board office.
- 7. Within thirty (30) days from receipt of this Order, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty payable to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing in the amount of \$500.00. The administrative penalty shall be paid only be certified check, money order or cash.
 - 8. Respondent notify the Board's office within five (5) days of any change of address,

phone number or name.

- 9. The license to practice registered nursing held by Respondent is hereby severely reprimanded.
- documentation by the due date, including but not limited to educational courses, will result in a three (3) month suspension of license. At the completion of the three month suspension, any application for reinstatement may be submitted for processing by Board Staff for approval in accordance to the agency approval process or for referral to the Board. Administrative penalties for any such failure to comply shall be assessed and paid prior to reinstatement by certified check, money order, or cash pursuant to statute, 59 O.S. §567.8.J.1. and 2, and §485:10-11-2(d) of the Rules promulgated by the Board.
- 11. Respondent fully understands that this Consent Order will in no way preclude additional proceedings by the Board against Respondent for acts or omissions not specifically made a part of this Order.
- 12. Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps, and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Order with the Board.
- 13. This Consent Order shall not be effective until the fully executed Order is received in the Board office.
- 14. The parties agree that both parties have participated in the drafting of this Order and that no presumption or construction against any party as the drafter of the Consent Order, shall apply or be applied in the event of a claim of ambiguity of the document or a provision thereof.

15. This Consent Order shall not be effective until the fully executed Order is received in the Board office.

IT IS SO ORDERED

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING

By: Louise Talley PhD, RN
President

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Respondent

Attorney for Respondent

JS:sr

BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF CAROL ANNE BUNKER STREET BUNKER, R.N., CNM LICENSE NO. R0042128

COMPLAINT

The Complaint of Jan Sinclair, R.N., Nurse Investigator, Oklahoma Board of Nursing, respectfully states:

- 1. Respondent is Carol Anne Bunker Street Bunker, R.N., CNM.
- 2. Respondent is licensed to practice registered nursing in the State of Oklahoma, and is the holder of License No. R0042128 issued by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing ("Board"). Respondent has received a certificate of recognition as a Certified Nurse-Midwife, with prescriptive authority in Oklahoma.
- 3. Respondent failed to adequately care for patients or to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable nursing practice that, in the opinion of the Board, unnecessarily exposed a patient or other person to risk of harm; is guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined in the Rules of the Board; and is guilty of any act that jeopardized a patient''s life, health or safety as defined in the Rules of the Board, specifically §§485:10-11-1(a) (b)(2)(3)(A)(H)(4)(E). Further, the Respondent is in violation of the provisions of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, 59 O.S. §§567.1, et seq., specifically §§567.8 A.1.a. B. 3.7. and 8., with the following particulars, to wit:
 - a. On or about January 8, 2007, at approximately 0730, while employed as a staffregistered nurse with Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the Respondent falsified the documentation of laboring patient J.L. by pre-charting the method of delivery, charting "N/A" for nuchal cord complications, and one (1) minute and five (5) minute Apgar scores for the infant of labor patient J.L. The infant of J.L. was delivered at 1834 on January 8, 2007, as shown on the medical records of J.L. attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.

Jurisdiction for this Complaint is based upon the statutes regulating nursing practice in the State of Oklahoma, i.e., the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, 59 O.S. §§567.1, et seq., and the promulgated Rules by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, OAC §§485:10-11-1, et seq. and the facts alleged herein. Further, the Board has jurisdiction to hear this matter pursuant to 59 O.S. §§567.17, et seq., specifically §567.17 H and §§485:10-19-1, et seq., of the Rules of this Board.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays the Board take such action as my be just and proper with regard to the license to practice registered nursing held by Carol Anne Bunker Street Bunker, R.N., CNM, including the assessment of administrative penalties in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 as provided in 59 O.S. §§567.8A.2., J.1.2., and §§ 485:10-11-2 (d), of the Rules promulgated by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing.

> DATED this 8 day of August, 2007.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA)

Jan Sinclair, R.N., Nurse Investigator, Oklahoma Board of Nursing, is the Complainant in the above matter before the Oklahoma Board of Nursing: that she has read the Complaint and knows the contents thereof, and the facts set forth therein are true to the best of her information and belief.

JAN SINCLAIR, R.N.

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IN SUBSCRIPED AND SWORN to me before this day of August, 2007.

My Commission expires: 6/29/08

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Circulator			<u> </u>
Delivery Doctor	C Bunker RNC CNM		BN
Anesthesiologist	Griffith	RECI	IIVE
	Shirley		
Delivery Anesthesia	Epidural	EFR -	9 71
Medications in Delivery	oxytocin		1 66
ROM Date/Time	01/08/07 08:30 CST		
Amniotic Fluid Color	Clear		
Delivery Complications	None		
Maternal Temperature	99.1		
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GA at Delivery	39.0		(wks)
Sex	Male		(
Method of Delivery	Vaginal ·		
Forceps	N/A		
Vacuum Extraction	N/A		
Infant Condition	Stable		
Suction	Mouth; Nose		
No. of Cord Vessels	3		
Nuchal Cord	N/A		
Infant Complications	None		
Immediate Care	Tactile Stimulation; Bulb Suction		
Apgar Score 1 Min.	8		
Apgar Heart Rate @ 1 min.	>100 bpm		
Apgar Respirations @ 1 min.	Good Cry		
Apgar Muscle Tone @ 1 min.	Active Motion		
Apgar Reflex Irrit. @ 1 min.	Cry		
Apgar Color @ 1 min.	Blue/Pale		
Apgar Score 5 Min.	9		
Apgar Heart Rate @ 5 min.	>100 bpm		
Apgar Respirations @ 5 min.	Good Cry		
Apgar Muscle Tone @ 5 min.	Active Motion		
Apgar Reflex Irrit. @ 5 min.	Cry		
Apgar Color @ 5 min.	Body pink, extremities blue		

Carel's charting@ 07:22 am.

J.L.

MR#:

DOB: 07/17/79

Age 27

Unit: LDRP

Bed: 453

Attending: Griffith

Print Date & Time: 1/8/2007 12:02 Printed by: Krishna Wood, RN

Integris Baptist Medical Center

3300 Northwest Expressway

Oklahoma City, OK 73112

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INTEGRIS Health Infant Info II

EXHIBIT

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MATERNAL INFORMATION	OBN
Age	27 RECEIVED
Race	Cauc
Blood Type/Rh	O/Positive
G/T/P/Ab/L	3/2/0/0/2
EDC	01/13/07
Gestational Age	39.0
Presentation	Cephalic
Method of Rupture	Artificial
ROM Date/Time	01/08/07 08:30 CST
Fluid Color	Clear
DELIVERY	
Delivery Date/Time-Baby A	01/08/07 18:34 CST
Procedure	Vag Delivery
Method of Delivery	Vaginal
VBAC	N/A
Induction	Induction
Vacuum Extraction	N/A
Forceps	N/A
Episiotomy	None
Laceration	None
Extension	N/A
Placenta Time	01/08/07 18:41 CST
Apgars	9/9/
Sex	Male
Birthweight (lbs/oz)	6/12
Monitor Method	Internal
Infant Transfer	Newborn Nursery
LABOR/RECOVERY HOURS	
Labor Hours for Vag Delivery	14
Recovery Hours for Vag Del	2
COMPLICATIONS	
Maternal Complications	None
Intrapartum Complications	None
Nuchal Cord	Around neck x1, loose
Infant Complications	Multiple Variable Decels
ANESTHESIA & PERSONNEL	
Delivery Anesthesia	Epidural
Anesthesiologist	Shirley
Assistant	V. Washington
Circulator	S. Milburn RNC
Baby Advocate	D. Abernathy, RNC
Delivering/Operating Provider	Griffith
Attending Provider	
QA	Griffith Actual Charte, Yes Completed of
QA Okay?	Yes O o o o

J.L.

MR#:

DOB: 07/17/79

Unit: Restored

Attending: Griffith

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Print Date & Time:

1/18/2007 10:16

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Age 27

Bed: Hold

INTEGRIS Health Del. Log Chart