# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse

§ AGREED

License Number 688456

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issued to BRIAN ALAN DELISLE

§ ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of BRIAN ALAN DELISLE, Registered Nurse License Number 688456, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on August 12, 2010, 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 proceedings, 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 a Diploma in Nursing from Methodist Hospital, Lubbock, Texas, on May 1, 2002. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 23, 2002.
- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

2002 - 2009

GN/RN

RN Children's Medical Center

ICU/PICU

Dallas, Texas

2009 - Present

Unknown

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- 6. On or about December 4, 2008, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Children's Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing, in that he admitted he enrolled in an intensive outpatient alcohol abuse treatment program. Additionally, Respondent admitted there had been random alcohol abuse during the last six months. Respondent's conduct could have affected his ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could have affected his ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
- 7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states: Regarding the intensive outpatient alcohol abuse issue, I was still employed at Children's Medical Center. However, after the incident on November 25, 2008, I was placed on a leave of absence due to the criminal charges. Therefore, since I had time off from work, I chose to enroll in the outpatient program. There were periods of time when I noticed myself turning to alcohol to deal with stress going on in my life. I never drank on a daily basis or consecutive days in a row. I would say on average, I would consume alcohol approximately two to three times a month. I noticed how alcohol would change my thinking and judgment. At the time, it seemed like a good escape from issues that were going on in my life. The alcohol treatment program helped with my random alcohol abuse issues. I think educating myself about the realities of addiction has helped me understand the dangers of turning to a drug to help deal with life.



- The Respondent's conduct described in the preceding Finding of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
- 11. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.
- 12. Respondent's conduct described in Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Eight (8) resulted from Respondent's dependency on alcohol.
- 13. 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 Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(5)&
- 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 688456, heretofore issued to BRIAN ALAN DELISLE, 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.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep his license to practice nursing in the State of Texas current.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§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 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 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 Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice 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 violations 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 to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 8th day of September, 2010.

BRIAN ALAN DELISLE, Responde

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of

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IRMA M. FORT
Notary Public
State of Texas
My Comm. Exp. 01-30-2011

Notary Public in and for the State of

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# 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 8th day of September , 20 10 , by BRIAN ALAN DELISLE, Registered Nurse License Number 688456, and said Order is final. Entered and effective this 10th day of September , 20 10 . Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN Executive Director on behalf of said Board