BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of

§ AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 96010

§

issued to KATHERINE J. TROTTER

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of KATHERINE J. TROTTER, Vocational Nurse License Number 96010, 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)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on August 15, 2012, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, 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(s).
- 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Permian General Hospital 4. Vocational Nursing, Andrews, Texas, on August 31, 1981. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on June 1, 1982.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

9/1981 - 6/2008

Unknown

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

7/2008 - 10/2008

Charge Nurse

Alvarado Meadows Alvarado, Texas

11/2008 - 12/2008

Unknown

1/2009 - 12/2010

Staff Nurse

Permian Regional Medical Center

Andrews, Texas

1/2011 - Present

Unknown

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) with Permian Regional Medical Center, Andrews, Texas, and had been in this position for eleven (11) months.
- 7. On or about June 1, 2009, while employed with Permian Regional Medical Center, Andrews, Texas, Respondent failed to document the administration of the medications she had administered to patients on the patient's Medication Administration Record (MAR). Respondent's conduct resulted in an incomplete, inaccurate medical record and was likely to injure the patients in that subsequent care givers would not have accurate information on which to base further care decisions.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent admits that she failed to complete the MAR and adds that she was given an oral warning and told to slow down and follow through.
- On or about October 25, 2009, while employed with Permian Regional Medical Center, Andrews, Texas, Respondent failed to administer Ultram to Residents LK and JD. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that failure to administer medication as ordered by the physician could have resulted in nonefficacious treatment.
- 10. In response to Finding of Fact Number Nine (9), Respondent states that she was spot checked by the pharmacist and passed all the tests.
- 11. On or about March 22, 2010, while employed with Permian Regional Medical Center, Andrews, Texas, Respondent inappropriately administered an antibiotic twice a day for three days to Resident MD, instead of once daily, as ordered by the physician. Respondent's conduct may have resulted in over-medication of the patient.
- 12. In response to Finding of Fact Number Eleven (11), Respondent states that there was a transcription error and Resident MD was given Avelox 500mg twice a day for two (2) days.

- 13. On or about December 25, 2010, while employed with Permian Regional Medical Center, Andrews, Texas, Respondent failed to take precautions to prevent the loss of medications in that she failed to conduct a narcotic count at the beginning of her shift. Subsequently, it was discovered that two narcotics were missing at the end of her shift. Respondent's conduct placed the facility in violation of state and federal laws, which require the tracking of controlled substances.
- 14. In response to Finding of Fact Number Thirteen (13), Respondent states she counted narcotics with the other LVN and they discovered they were two (2) MS Contin short. Respondent states that the Director of Nursing was called, an adjustment was made and they all sent to undergo drug screens. Respondent contends that her drug screen came back negative, however she and two (2) other nurses were terminated.

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 \$217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)&(1)(D) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.13(1)(A)&(B),(4)&(6)(G).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 96010, heretofore issued to KATHERINE J TROTTER, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of 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 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, 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 not 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 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.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in medication administration. 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. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The didactic portion of this course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course shall contain a minimum twenty-four (24) hour clinical component which is to be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. In order for the course to be approved, the course's content shall include: a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the five (5) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The course description shall 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 successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course to satisfy this stipulation. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor 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.

- 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.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.
- (4) 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 website address: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). 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 waive representation by counsel. 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 Ath day of MUNIVY, 2013.

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KATHERINE I TROTTER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this & the day of WMUNKU

JESSICA DAVIS
Notary Public
STATE OF TEXAS

Notary Public in and for the State of TOXOS

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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 <u>8th</u> day of <u>January</u>, <u>2013</u>, by KATHERINE J TROTTER, Vocational Nurse License Number 96010, and said Order is final.

Effective this <u>8th</u> day of <u>January</u>, 20<u>13</u>.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board