BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of §
Registered Nurse License Number 794780 §
issued to SCHUYLER PHILIP HEIMLICH §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 794780, issued to SCHUYLER PHILIP HEIMLICH, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Pima Community College-West, Tucson, Arizona, on May 19, 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on December 28, 2010.
- 4. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history includes:

01/10-05/11

RN

Baylor All Saints Medical Center

Fort Worth, Texas

12/10-05/11

RN

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Irving, Texas

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Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history continues:

05/11-08/11

RN

Select Medical Corporation assigned to

Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation

Fort Worth, Texas

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- 5. On October 30, 2012, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order by the Texas Board of Nursing that required Respondent to participate in, and successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN). A copy of the October 30, 2012, Agreed Order, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 6. On or about January 23, 2013, Respondent became non-compliant with the Agreed Order issued to him by the Texas Board of Nursing on October 30, 2012. Non-compliance is the result of his failure to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) as evidenced by his notification to TPAPN that he wished not to participate in the program. Stipulation Number One (1) of the Order dated October 30, 2012, reads, in pertinent part:
 - (3) 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.

Respondent was dismissed from TPAPN and referred back to the Board.

- 7. On February 7, 2013, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated February 5, 2013, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 8. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
- 9. 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.

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(9)&(11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 794780, heretofore issued to SCHUYLER PHILIP HEIMLICH, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.452 (b), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC§§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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<u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 794780, heretofore issued to SCHUYLER PHILIP HEIMLICH, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title of "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying himself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
- 3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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.

Effective this 26^{th} day of February, 2013.

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By:

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

SCHUYLER PHILIP HEIMLICH 139 SUNRAY CT WEATHERFORD, TX 76087 Registered Nurse License Number 794780

Voluntary Surrender Statement

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license(s) to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I may not petition for reinstatement until one (1) year from the effective date of the Order. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature <u>Bola 2 hust</u>

Date ___ 2-5-2013

Registered Nurse License Number 794780

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared SCHUYLER PHILIP HEIMLICH who, being duly sworn by me, stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that he or she understood same.

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ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SCHUYLER PHILIP HEIMLICH, Registered Nurse License Number 794780, 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) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on September 27, 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(s).
- 2. Respondent waived 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 an Associate Degree in Nursing from Pima Community College-West Campus, Tucson, Arizona, on May 19, 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on December 28, 2010.
- 5. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history includes:

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- 6. At the time of the incident as stated in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Select Medical Corporation and assigned to Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation, Fort Worth, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately three (3) months.
- 7. On or about August 30, 2011, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Select Medical Corporation, and assigned to Baylor All Saints Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, Respondent falsely documented he had administered Hydrocodone to patient Medical Record Number M00860885 in the patient's Medication Administration Record; however, the patient denied receiving the medication. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that failure to administer medications as ordered by the physician could have resulted in nonefficacious treatment. Additionally, Respondent's conduct created an inaccurate medical record on which subsequent caregivers would rely on to provide ongoing medical care.
- 8. On or about August 30, 2011, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Select Medical Corporation, and assigned to Baylor All Saints Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Hydrocodone from the facility or patients thereof or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Furthermore, when asked to take a urine drug screen Respondent failed to present himself to the clinic. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.
- 9. The Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact resulted from Respondent's substance use disorder.
- 12. 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.
- 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),(B)&(D) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(B)&(C),(4),(6)(A)&(G),(8)&(10)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 794780, heretofore issued to SCHUYLER PHILIP HEIMLICH, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) 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 all applicable license(s) 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(s) is/are 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(s) 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 have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) 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 19th day of October, 2012.
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•	SCHUYEER PHILIP HEIMLICH, RESPONDENT
Sworn to and subscribed before	re me this 19th day of October 2012.
SEAL	Hon Robertson
KIM ROBERTSON NOTARY PUBLIC	Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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Approved as to form and substance.

TARALYNN R. MACKAY, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 23 day of Maler, 2012

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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 19th day of October, 20 12, by SCHUYLER PHILIP HEIMLICH, Registered Nurse License Number 794780, and said Order is final.



Entered and effective this 30 day of October, 2012.

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

of said Board