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BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of§AGREEDRegistered Nurse License Number 749696§issued to WENDY RENE RODGERS§ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board

considered the matter of WENDY RENE RODGERS, Registered Nurse License Number 749696,

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), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived

representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this

Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on April 22, 2013.

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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received Diploma in Nursing from Baptist Health System, San Antonio, Texas, on December 13, 2007. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on January 17, 2008.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1/2008-9/2011

GN/RN

North Central Baptist Hospital San Antonio, Texas

10/2011

Unknown

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

11/2011-Present RN Connally Memorial Medical Center Floresville, Texas

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a RN with North Central Baptist Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, and had been in this position for three (3) years and nine (9) months.
- 7. On or about September 22, 2011, while employed with North Central Baptist Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, and assigned to the emergency department, Respondent took a picture of a patient's x-ray and posted that picture on Facebook, thereby violating the patient's right to privacy. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm from disclosure of confidential medical information without written authorization. Respondent's conduct constitutes a violation of HIPAA (The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act).
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she didn't think at the time that what she was doing was a violation of the patient's HIPAA rights. Respondent states that she simply walked past the x-ray, took the picture and then posted the image on Facebook. Respondent states that the x-ray contained absolutely no patient information, but she can now see how her actions were not that of a professional.

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)(E) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(C).
- 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 749696, heretofore issued to WENDY RENE RODGERS, 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 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 <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 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 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: <u>http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</u>.*

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Patient Privacy," a 5.4 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. *Information regarding Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <u>http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</u>.*

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 WENDY RENE ROD Respondent sth Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of SEAI **APRIL PENDERGRAFT** otary Public, State of Texas Notary Public in and for the State of **Commission Expires** July 31, 2015

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 28th day of May, 2013, by WENDY RENE RODGERS, Registered Nurse License Number 749696, and said Order is final.

Effective this 6th day of June, 2013.

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