IN THE MATTER OF	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
PERMANENT REGISTERED NURSE	§	
LICENSE NUMBER 522376	§	BOARD OF NURSING
ISSUED TO	§	ELIGIBILITY AND
COLEEN WATERS INGRAM	§	DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



### ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: COLEEN WATERS INGRAM 5401 36TH LUBBOCK, TX 79407

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This

Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 Tex. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that, Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 522376, previously issued to COLEEN WATERS INGRAM, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this <u>11th</u> day of <u>June</u>, 2013.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charge filed May 10, 2013.

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the hth day of Jove, 2013, a true and correct
copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s),
as follows:
Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested COLEEN WATERS INGRAM 5401 36TH LUBBOCK, TX 79407
Via USPS First Class Mail
COLEEN WATERS INGRAM 5401 36TH LUBBOCK, TX 79407  LUBBOCK, TX 79407
BY:  KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN  EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Registered Nurse	§	
License Number 522376	§	
Issued to COLEEN WATERS INGRAM, a/k/a,	§	
COLLEEN INGRAM, Respondent	§	BOARD OF NURSING

### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, COLEEN WATERS INGRAM, a/k/a, COLLEEN INGRAM is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 522376 which is in CURRENT status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

### CHARGE I.

On or about May 4, 2004, Respondent was arrested by the Lubbock County Police Department, Lubbock, Texas, and subsequently charged under Cause No. 2004-4488474 for POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA < 20Z, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on April 2, 2004. On or about February 7, 2005, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA < 20Z, a Class B misdemeanor offense, committed on April 2, 2004, in the Court at Law No. 2, Lubbock County, Texas, under Cause No. 2004-488,474. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred, without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of twelve (12) months, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

### CHARGE II.

On or about January 1, 2006, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document to the Board of Nurse Examiners in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrest (excluding minor traffic violations) since the last renewal? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without prejudice of guilt. Please note that DUI's, DWI's, PI's must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. (One time minor in possession [MIP] or minor in consumption [MIC] do not need to be disclosed, therefore, you may answer "No". If you have two or more MIP's or MIC's, you must answer "Yes".)"

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about February 7, 2005, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA < 20Z, a Class B misdemeanor offense, committed on April 2, 2004, in the Court at Law No. 2, Lubbock County, Texas, under Cause No. 2004-488,474.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I).

#### CHARGE III.

On or about December 23, 2011, Respondent may have lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she submitted a License Renewal form to the Board of Nursing and answered "Yes" to the question: "In the past 5 years, have you been addicted or treated for the use of alcohol or are any other drug? (You may answer "no" if you have completed and/or in compliance with TPAPN).

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(5).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct and on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, and for Lying and Falsification, which can be found at the Board's website, <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html">www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html</a>.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order(s) which is attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Order dated December 9, 2004.

Filed this 15th day of Mgy, 20 13

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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Attachments: Order of the Board dated December 9, 2004

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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of License Number 522376 issued to COLEEN WATERS INGRAM

AGREED

§ ORDER

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of COLEEN WATERS INGRAM, License Number 522376, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on October 1, 2004, 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 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 a Diploma in Nursing from Methodist Hospital, Lubbock, Texas, on June 1, 1984. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 20, 1985.
- Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

1985-1988

Unknown

1988-1989

Staff Nurse

Highland Hospital Lubbock, Texas

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Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

1989-1990	DON	Home Health Agency Lubbock, Texas	
01/1991-10/1998	DON	Nursefinders Tucson, Arizona	
10/1998-02/2000	Case Manager	Infusion Plus Midland, Texas	
04/2000-08/2000	RN Supervisor	Concepts of Care Lubbock, Texas	
09/2000-04/2002	Staff Nurse	Highland Medical Center Lubbock, Texas	
5/2002-11/2002	Unemployed		
12/2002-12/2003	QA Nurse	Metro Health Lubbock, Texas	
1/2004- Present	Unknown		

- 6. At the time of the initial incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a Nurse with Highland Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, and had been in this position for six (6) months.
- On or about March 26, 2001, while employed at Highland Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent admitted to abusing and becoming dependent on Lortab. Respondent stated that she took up to two (2) to four (4) Lortab tablets daily (which she received from a relative's prescription), in order to subdue her depression and relieve pain. Possession of Lortab (an opiate drug) without a prescription is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of opiates by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

- 8. On or about May 2, 2002, while employed at Highland Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of opiates in that Respondent produced a specimen for a drug screen which resulted positive for opiates. Possession of opiates is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of opiates by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
- 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.
- 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 described in Findings Numbers Seven (7) through Eight (8) was significantly influenced by Respondent's dependency on chemicals.
- 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.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violations of Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against License Number 522376, heretofore issued to COLEEN WATERS INGRAM, including revocation of Respondent's professional 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.

### <u>ORDER</u>

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 and be accepted into the TPAPN, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) payable to TPAPN.
- (2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN contract to the Board of Nurse Examiners.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN contract during its term.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Board of Nurse Examiners of any violation of the TPAPN contract.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional 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 privileges, if any, to practice professional 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 State of Texas 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 revocation of Respondent's license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional 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 Board of Nurse Examiners, 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 1st day of December, 20 04. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of 1stember , 2004

SEAL

LINDA I. COGNASI otary Public, State of Texas January 24, 2007

Notary Public in and for the State of

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, does hereby accept and enter the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>lst</u> day of <u>December</u>, 20 04, by COLEEN WATERS INGRAM, License Number 522376, and said Order is final.

Entered and effective this 9th day of December, 2004.

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

of said Board



# Texas Board of Nursing

333 Guadalupe Street, Ste. 3-460, Austin, Texas 78701 Phone: (512) 305-7400 Fax: (512) 305-7401 www.bon.texas.gov Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN Executive Director

May 13, 2013

Certified Mail No. 91 7199 9991 7031 6278 6439

Return Receipt Requested

Coleen Waters Ingram 5401 36th Lubbock, Tx 79407

Dear Coleen Waters Ingram:

Enclosed are Formal Charges which have been filed against you because your pending alleged violation(s) of Section 301.452(b) of the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, have not been resolved. Within three weeks from the date of this letter, you must file a <u>written</u> answer to each charge admitting or denying each allegation. If you intend to deny only part of an allegation, you must specify so much of it as is true and deny only the remainder. Your answer shall also include any other matter, whether of law or fact, upon which you intend to rely for your defense. Send your written answer to the attention of Terry Washington, Investigator, at the above address. You may obtain legal counsel at your own expense.

FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER TO THE FORMAL CHARGES, EITHER PERSONALLY OR BY LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, WILL RESULT IN THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN THE FORMAL CHARGES BEING ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF WILL BE GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

If a <u>written</u> answer to the Formal Charges is not received within three weeks from the date of this letter, this matter will proceed on a default basis and it will be staff's recommendation that a default order be entered revoking your license(s) and/or nurse licensure compact privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The result of any disciplinary action, including any default order or formal disposition (Board Order), is public information. Dispositions, including default orders and formal dispositions, will appear in the Board's quarterly newsletter and will be reported to the National Council of State Boards of

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Nursing, Inc., the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB), and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

Should you desire to discuss this matter, contact Terry Washington, Investigator, Enforcement Division at (512) 305-6852.

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

**Executive Director** 

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Enclosure:

Formal Charges

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