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BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED Registered Nurse License Number 629182 § issued to CHIQUITA MARIE WALLACE § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CHIQUITA MARIE WALLACE, Registered Nurse License Number 629182, 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 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 1, 2013, subject to ratification by the Board.

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 a Diploma in Nursing from Lewis University, Lockport, Illinois, on June 1, 1977. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in State of Texas on June 17, 1996.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

7/1977-6/1978	RN	St. Joseph Hospital Joliet, Illinois
6/1978-7/1988	RN	Silver Cross Hospital Joliet, Illinois

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

8/1988-8/1995	RN	Florida Hospital Orlando, Florida
9/1995-4/1996	RN	McLeod Regional Hospital Florence, South Carolina
4/1996-6/1997	RN	American Mobil Nursing Houston, Texas
6/1997-10/1999	RN	West Houston Medical Center Houston, Texas
11/1999-8/2007	RN III/Manager	Memorial Hermann Healthcare System Houston, Texas
9/2007-4/2010	RN Staff Nurse	Emergency Health Center at Willowbrook Houston, Texas
4/2010-4/2011	RN	North Cypress Medical Center Houston, Texas
4/2011-7/2011	RN	Protouch Nursing Agency Houston, Texas
7/2011-Present	RN	Triumph Town and Country Hospital Houston, Texas

- 6. On or about February 23, 2011, Respondent received the sanction of Remedial Education through an Agreed Order issued by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the Agreed Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law dated February 23, 2011, is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
- 7. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with North Cypress Medical Center, Cypress, Texas, and had been in this position for one (1) year.
- 8. On or about April 25, 2011, while employed with North Cypress Medical Center, Cypress, Texas, Respondent misappropriated insulin which she withdrew from the Pyxis Medication dispensing system, and admitted that she had done the same on two (2) other occasions. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility of the cost of the medication.
- 9. In response to the incident in Findings of Fact Number Eight (8) Respondent states that she is an honest person and admits to taking an insulin pen from the Pyxis on three (3) separate occasions. Respondent states that at the time she could not afford to pay for the insulin her husband, a brittle diabetic, required. Respondent states that at the time she was on chemotherapy and let her emotions guide her.

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) and 217.12(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 Registered Nurse License Number 629182, heretofore issued to CHIQUITA MARIE WALLACE, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS, 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 Texas Board of Nursing 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 The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, length. 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 "Professional Accountability ...," 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>.

(3)RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty (250.00) dollars. 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, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWELVE (12) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) OR A VOCATIONAL NURSE (LVN) LICENSE, AS APPROPRIATE, WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.

(5)RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.

(6)RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(7)RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for one (1) year(s) of employment as a nurse.

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. -6-

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 this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, 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 day of _ , 20 CE, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before	me this $\underline{8}$ day of \underline{May} , 20 <u>13</u> .
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MONICA HORSFORD MY COMMISSION EXPIRES March 22, 2014	Notary Public in and for the State of

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 8th day of May, 2013, by CHIQUITA MARIE WALLACE, Registered Nurse License Number 629182, and said Order is final.

Effective this 11th day of June, 2013.

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

Too hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document wh is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing. Executive Director of the Board Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 629182 issued to CHIQUITA MARIE WALLACE ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the E considered the matter of CHIQUITA MARIE WALLACE, Registered Nurse License Number 629182, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated 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 January 18, 2011, 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(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 a Diploma in Nursing from Lewis University, Lockport, Illinois on June 1, 1977. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in State of Texas on June 17, 1996.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

RN III/Manager

1977-1999 Unknown

11/1999-8/2007

Memorial Hermann Healthcare System Houston, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

9/2007-62009	Staff Nurse	Emergency Health Center at Willowbrook Houston, Texas
6/2009-5/2010	RN	Cypress Fairbank Medical Center Hospital assigned to Urgent Care Clinic Houston, Texas
6/2010-Present	RN	North Cypress Medical Center Hospital Houston, Texas

At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a RN with Cypress Fairbank Medical Center Hospital and assigned to the Urgent Care Clinic, and had been in this position for eleven (11) months.

On or about June 17, 2009, through May 13, 2010, while employed with Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center, Houston, Texas, and assigned to the Urgent Care Center, Respondent signed prescriptions using the ordering physician's initials, J.A.B., without counter-signing with her own signature, as required, for several patients assigned to her care on several occasions. When confronted with this conduct by the facility's Nurse Manager, Respondent admitted that she had signed prescriptions, at the physician's direction, using the physician's initials. Respondent's conduct resulted in prescriptions being issued and presented to local pharmacies that were not completely accurate and/or complete.

In response to the incident in Findings of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that when the physician, who was the medical director, told her to sign his initials to prescriptions for the patients he saw so they could increase patient turnover in the very busy clinic, she didn't think there was anything wrong with doing that. Respondent states that she, at first, thought it was strange, but because the physician was the medical director and he said it would be ok she did sign his initials to patient prescription that he had written. It wasn't until she was asked about the practice that she realized she shouldn't be doing that.

- 9. Charges were filed on January 11, 2010.
- 10. Charges were mailed to Respondent on January 12, 2010.

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.

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- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE§217.11(1)(A)&(1)(D) and 217.12(1)(A)&(1)(C).
- 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 629182, heretofore issued to CHIQUITA MARIE WALLACE, 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 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

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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.state.tx.us/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. *Information regarding this workshop may be found at the following web address: <u>http://learningext.com/hives/a0/f6f3e8a0/summary</u>.*

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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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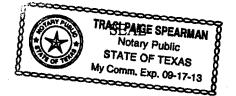
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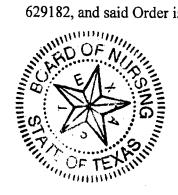


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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 18th day of February, 2011, by CHIQUITA MARIE WALLACE, Registered Nurse License Number 629182, and said Order is final.



Effective this 23rd day of February, 2011.

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