In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 654223 issued to ANDREA CERON VANSCHAICK

§ BEFORE THE TEXAS

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BOARD OF NURSING

# NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Andrea Ceron Vanschaick 7700 Willowchase Blvd., #1315 Houston, TX 77070

On February 12, 2013, an Order for Andrea Ceron Vanschaick was entered by the Texas Board of Nursing (Board). However, the Order omitted the date of the open meeting from page 1 of the Order. Upon notice and hearing, administrative agencies, like the Courts, have the power to enter nunc pro tunc orders where it can be seen by reference to a record that what was intended to be entered, but was omitted by inadvertence or mistake, can be corrected upon satisfactory proof of its rendition provided that no intervening rights will be prejudiced. *Railroad Comm'n v. McClain*, 356 S.W.2d 330, 334 (Tex. App.--Austin 1962, no writ) (citing *Frankfort Ky. Nat. Gas Co. v. City of Frankfort*, 276 Ky. 199, 123 S.W.2d 270, 272).

The Executive Director, as agent of the Board, after review and due consideration of the record and the facts therein, invalidates the Order for Andrea Ceron Vanschaick that omits the date of the open meeting and enters the corrected version of the Order of the Board, which includes the date of the open meeting. Ms. Vanschaick received due process regarding her license; therefore, her rights have not been prejudiced.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the corrected Order is hereby approved and entered on the dates set forth below.

Order effective February 12, 2013.

Entered this 24th day of June, 2013.

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TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

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



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ANDREA CERON VANSCHAICK	§	DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

# **ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO: ANDREA CERON VANSCHAICK 7700 WILLOWCHASE BLVD. #1315 HOUSTON, TX 77070

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on February 12, 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.

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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

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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 12th day of February, 2013.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

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

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Attachment: Formal Charge filed December 20, 2012.

Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 654223
Issued to ANDREA CERON VANSCHAICK
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 17th day of February, 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
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<u>Via USPS First Class Mail</u>
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SPRING, TX 77379

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## FORMAL CHARGES

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# CHARGE IV.

On or about July 19, 2012, while employed with University General Hospital, Houston, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice in that Respondent was stumbling and lacked the ability to keep her eyes open, maintain balance, or walk straight. Also, Respondent was described as exhibiting bizarre and strange behavior. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

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 §217.11(1)(B)&(T), and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(B)&(E),(4)&(5).

#### CHARGE V.

On or about July 20, 2012, while employed with University General Hospital, Houston, Texas, Respondent engaged in intemperate use of Opiates in that she provided a for-cause urine drug test specimen that tested positive for Opiates. The unlawful possession of Opiates is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & 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 above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(4),(5),(10)(A),(10)(D)&(11)(B).

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="https://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 Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, and for Fraud, Theft and Deception, which can be found at the Board's website, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

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 of the Board dated January 19, 2012.

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TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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Attachments: Order of the Board dated January 19, 2012.

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# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 654223 §

**AGREED** ORDER

issued to ANDREA CERON VANSCHAICK

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

considered the matter of ANDREA CERON VANSCHIAK, Registered Nurse License Num 654223, 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 September 14, 2011, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 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 proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas. 3.
- Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from North Harris M. Community 4. College, Houston, Texas, on May 1, 1998. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 3, 1998.
- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

09/98 - 09/04

RN

Houston Northwest Medical Center Houston, TX

Respondent's professional nursing employment history (continued):

12/04 -11/06

RN

The Woman's Hospital of Texas

Houston, TX

01/07 - 06/09

RN

Methodist Willowbrook Hospital

Houston, TX

07/09 - Current

Unknown

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, Houston, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately two (2) years and five (5) months.
- 7. On or about June 12, 2009, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, Houston, Texas, Respondent failed to document and/or accurately document assessments, compute vital signs, document interventions, document intake/output, and/or complete glucose checks on Patient Medical Record No. 062107999, No. 00691048, and No. 026197434. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the client in that it deprived subsequent care-givers of essential assessment information on which to base their on-going clinical care decisions.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that it was a very busy night and that they were understaffed. Respondent admits that she was behind on her documentation, but was able to write small notes regarding her assessments. Respondent states that she was starting to have leg pains due to her DVTs and states that she notified management and received approval to return the following day to finish her documentation but to make sure it was completed within twenty-four (24) hours. Respondent states that she was admitted to the Emergency Room for her pain. Respondent admits that her charting was unorthodox, but that her supervisors were aware of the situation, she was covered by FMLA, and was available to be reached by the oncoming nursing staff.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(B)&(D), and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)&(4).

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 654223, heretofore issued to ANDREA CERON VANSCHAICK, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

# **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a 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 is 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 <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: <a href="http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing documentation. 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. 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: <a href="http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

(3) 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 Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <a href="http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

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 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. 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. 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 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 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 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 to practice mursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 16 day of Dokenber, 2011

Amount Ceron Vanschalck, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of Decarbo 20 //

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WILLIAM R LLOYD NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF TEXAS MY COMM. EXP. 8/17/13

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the \_16th\_day of <u>December</u>, 20\_11, by ANDREA CERON VANSCHAICK, Registered Nurse License Number 654223, and said Order is final.

Effective this 19th day of January, 20 12.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

IN THE MATTER OF § BEFORE THE TEXAS
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TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

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

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Attachment: Formal Charge filed December 20, 2012.

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#### CHARGE III.

On or about July 19, 2012, while employed with University General Hospital, Houston, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Morphine from the facility or patients thereof or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.

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(1)(B),(6),(6),(8)&(11)(B).

## CHARGE IV.

On or about July 19, 2012, while employed with University General Hospital, Houston, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice in that Respondent was stumbling and lacked the ability to keep her eyes open, maintain balance, or walk straight. Also, Respondent was described as exhibiting bizarre and strange behavior. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

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 §217.11(1)(B)&(T), and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(B)&(E),(4)&(5).

# CHARGE V.

On or about July 20, 2012, while employed with University General Hospital, Houston, Texas, Respondent engaged in intemperate use of Opiates in that she provided a for-cause urine drug test specimen that tested positive for Opiates. The unlawful possession of Opiates is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & 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 above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(4),(5),(10)(A),(10)(D)&(11)(B).

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, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, and for Fraud, Theft and Deception, which can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html.

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 of the Board dated January 19, 2012.

Filed this John day of Joseph, 2012.

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Attachments: Order of the Board dated January 19, 2012.

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## BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 654223 §

AGREED ORDER

issued to ANDREA CERON VANSCHAICK

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of ANDREA CERON VANSCHIAK, Registered Nurse License Num 654223, 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 September 14, 2011, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 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 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 North Harris M. Community College, Houston, Texas, on May 1, 1998. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 3, 1998.
- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

09/98 - 09/04

RN

Houston Northwest Medical Center Houston, TX

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CIO

Respondent's professional nursing employment history (continued):

12/04 -11/06 RN The Woman's Hospital of Texas

Houston, TX

01/07 - 06/09 RN

Methodist Willowbrook Hospital

Houston, TX

07/09 - Current

Unknown

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, Houston, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately two (2) years and five (5) months.
- On or about June 12, 2009, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, Houston, Texas, Respondent failed to document and/or accurately document assessments, compute vital signs, document interventions, document intake/output, and/or complete glucose checks on Patient Medical Record No. 062107999, No. 00691048, and No. 026197434. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the client in that it deprived subsequent care-givers of essential assessment information on which to base their on-going clinical care decisions.
- In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that it was a very busy night and that they were understaffed. Respondent admits that she was behind on her documentation, but was able to write small notes regarding her assessments. Respondent states that she was starting to have leg pains due to her DVTs and states that she notified management and received approval to return the following day to finish her documentation but to make sure it was completed within twenty-four (24) hours. Respondent states that she was admitted to the Emergency Room for her pain. Respondent admits that her charting was unorthodox, but that her supervisors were aware of the situation, she was covered by FMLA, and was available to be reached by the oncoming nursing staff.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(B)&(D), and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)&(4).

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 654223, heretofore issued to ANDREA CERON VANSCHAICK, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

#### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a 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 is 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 <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: <a href="http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing documentation. 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. 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: <a href="http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

(3) 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 Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <a href="http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

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 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:

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- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license. 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. 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 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 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 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 to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 16 day of Documber, 2011

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ANDREA CERON VANSCHAICK, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of Decarber 20 11

SEAL.

WILLIAM R LLOYD

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF TEXAS

MY COMM. EXP. 8/17/15

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the \_16th\_day of <u>December</u>, 2011, by ANDREA CERON VANSCHAICK, Registered Nurse License Number 654223, and said Order is final.

Effective this 19th day of January, 20 12.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board