



Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of §
Registered Nurse License Number 591449 §
issued to CONNIE MARIE BROWN §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 591449, issued to CONNIE MARIE BROWN, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

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

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent holds a license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, which is currently in delinquent status.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from University of Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska, on May 1, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on May 26, 1993.
4. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
5. On or about December 16, 2010, Respondent pled Nolo Contendere and was convicted of FALSE ALARM OR REPORT, a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on April 30, 2010, in the County Court of Jefferson County, Texas, under Cause No. 282198. As a result

of the conviction, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

6. On or about February 9, 2011, Respondent submitted a License Renewal Form(Delinquent for over 90 days)Registered Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question:
"In the past 5 years, have you been addicted or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?(You may answer "no" if you have completed and/or are in compliance with TPAPN)"

Respondent failed to disclose that she has been treated for alcohol addiction. Respondent states she has been sober for four (4) months.

7. In Response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Seven (7), Respondent states she was upset because her husband filed for divorce. On April 30, 2010, she was drinking, and after he left, she locked him out of the house. When he tried to get back in she called 911. She was subsequently arrested. Since then she began attending AA meetings and has been sober for about four (4) months.
8. Formal Charges were filed on December 5, 2012.
9. Charges were mailed to Respondent on December 6, 2012.
10. On August 14, 2013, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated August 13, 2013, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
11. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
12. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against, Registered Nurse License Number 591449, heretofore issued to CONNIE MARIE BROWN, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC §§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 591449, heretofore issued to CONNIE MARIE BROWN, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing.

In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

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

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

Effective this 15th day of August, 2013.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:



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

8/13/2013

Dr. Texas Board of Nursing
ATTN: Lance Brenton
Asst. Gen. Council

I, Connie Marie Brown, license
no. 591449, am aware of the investigation
by the Board of Nursing. At this time
I wish to surrender my license voluntarily.

Thank you,
Connie M. Brown

Marietha Hart
Notary Public, Texas

8.13.13
Date

