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*Sandra S. Turnage*  
Executive Director of the Board

**In the Matter of  
Permanent Vocational Nurse  
License Number 142543  
Issued to SANDRA SUE TURNAGE,  
Respondent**

**§ BEFORE THE TEXAS  
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§ BOARD OF NURSING**

**ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

**TO: Sandra Sue Turnage  
HC 63 Box 2230  
Ft Towson, OK 74735**

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing was held on August 19, 2013 at 333 Guadalupe, Room 3-460, Austin, Texas, in which the Temporary Suspension of Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 142543, issued to SANDRA SUE TURNAGE was considered pursuant to Section 301.4551, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE. Staff of the Texas Board of Nursing appeared and presented evidence and information concerning the conduct of SANDRA SUE TURNAGE and whether her continued practice as a nurse would constitute a continuing and imminent threat to the public welfare.

After review and due consideration of the evidence and information presented, the Board finds that the following charges are substantiated:

**CHARGE I.**

On or about May 29, 2013, Respondent became Non-Compliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on January 9, 2013. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with her participation agreement and complete the TPAPN program, in that the Respondent failed to register for drug testing and withdrew from the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) program. Stipulation Number Three (3) of the Agreed Order dated January 9, 2013, states:

"(3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas current."

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) & (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

The Texas Board of Nursing further finds that, given the nature of the charges concerning her fitness to practice, the continued practice of nursing by SANDRA SUE TURNAGE constitutes a continuing and imminent threat to public welfare and that the temporary suspension of Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 142543, is justified pursuant to Section 301.4551, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 142543, issued to SANDRA SUE TURNAGE, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are, hereby SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY in accordance with Section 301.4551, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a probable cause hearing be conducted in accordance with Section 301.455(c) not later than seventeen (17) days following the date of the entry of this order, and a final hearing on the matter be conducted in accordance with 301.455(d) not later than the 61<sup>st</sup> day following the date of the entry of this order.

Entered this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:



KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR