IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT CERTIFICATE NUMBER 658458 ISSUED TO ANGIE GODSEY

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**BOARD OF NURSING** 



Executive Director of the Board

### **ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO:

Angie Godsey

c/o Nancy Roper Willson, Attorney

408 West Eighth St., Ste 206

Dallas, TX 75208

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the "Board", considered Staff's Motion for Rehearing filed in the above-styled matter. An Agreed Order of the Board was entered on July 26, 2013, by the Executive Director, on behalf of the Board, for license number 658458, issued to Angie Godsey. This Order was entered in error. Staff filed a Motion for Rehearing and, after review and due consideration of the filed Motion, the Executive Director of the Board **GRANTS** Staff's Motion for Rehearing. The Agreed Order issued on July 26, 2013, is hereby set aside in its entirety.

Entered this 16th day of August, 2013.

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING** 

BY:

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



#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 658458

issued to ANGIE GODSEY § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ANGIE GODSEY, Registered Nurse License Number 658458,, 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)(9), (10), (12) & (13) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on July 22, 2013.

## **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(s).
- 2. Respondent waived 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 Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas, on December 1, 1998. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 22, 1999.
- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history is unknown.

- On or about September 2, 2010, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Children's Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, Respondent misappropriated, or failed to take precautions to prevent the misappropriation of, six (6) Lortab tablets from the facility and patients thereof. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medication.
- On or about January 11, 2011, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Children's Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, Respondent misappropriated, or failed to take precautions to prevent the misappropriation of, ten (10) Lortab tablets from the facility and patient thereof. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medication.
- 8. On or about August 3, 2010, through January 11, 2011, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Children's Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, Respondent signed and took possession of at least twelve (12) narcotic prescriptions for Medicaid patients. Respondent failed to take precautions to prevent the loss of the medications. This conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the costs of the medications and may have placed the hospital pharmacy in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substance Act).
- 9. On or about September 6, 2011, through September 23, 2011, while employed as a Registered Nurse with PRN Specialty Services, Coppell, Texas, and assigned to Southwest Surgical Hospital, Hurst, Texas, Respondent withdrew medications for two patients, but failed to document, or accurately document, the administration of the medications, including the signs, symptoms and responses to the medications administered in the patients' Medication Administration Record or Nurses Notes. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patient, which could result in an overdose.
- 10. On or about August 30, 2011, through September 23, 2011, while employed as a Registered Nurse with PRN Specialty Services, Coppell, Texas, and assigned to Southwest Surgical Hospital, Hurst, Texas, Respondent withdrew medications for seven patients on multiple occassions, but failed to properly waste unused portions, if any, of the medications. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy and place them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substance Act).
- 11. On or about August 30, 2011, through September 23, 2011, while employed as a Registered Nurse with PRN Specialty Services, Coppell, Texas, and assigned to Southwest Surgical Hospital, Hurst, Texas, Respondent misappropriated various medications from multiple patients, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation of, medications. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medication.
- 12. On or about September 23, 2011, while employed as a Registered Nurse with PRN Specialty Services, Coppell, Texas, and assigned to Southwest Surgical Hospital, Hurst, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that; she was seen going to the restroom frequently, an alcohol pad, needle cap, and drops of blood were found on the floor

after she exited the restroom, she claimed that her patients needed more pain medication even though they appeared to be resting comfortably, and she appeared dazed. 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.

- On or about April 6, 2012, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Dallas Day Surgery of Texas North, Dallas, Texas, Respondent attempted to misappropriate one (1) tab of Hydrocodone belonging to Patient Medical Record Number 12 04 130390. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patient of the cost of the medication.
- 14. On or about August 20, 2012, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Hydrocodone in that she submitted a specimen for a random drug screen that resulted positive for Hydrocodone. Possession of Hydrocodone without a lawful prescription is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substance Act). The use of Hydrocodone 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, judgements, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
- 15. The Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
- 16. 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.
- 17. Charges were filed on February 20, 2013.
  - 18. Charges were mailed to Respondent on February 27, 2013.
- Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact resulted from or was significantly influenced by Respondent's substance use disorder.
- 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**

- Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.455, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 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), (1)(B) & (1)(D)(TV). and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(A), (1)(B), (1)(E), (4), (5), (6)(G), (8), (10)(A), (10)(C), (10)(D) & (11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9), (10), (12) & (13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 658458, heretofore issued to ANGIE GODSEY, up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license(s) 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 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 TPAPN and SHALL, within ninety (90) days following the date of entry of this final Order, sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement and complete the enrollment process, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payable to TPAPN.
- (2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Texas Board of Nursing.
- (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.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all
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respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§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 multistate licensure 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, 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 EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice 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 have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) 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 Pindings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions One (I) 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 Texas Board of Nursing, 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.

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WHEREF	ORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the
Texas Board of Nursing,	does hereby accept and enter the Agreed Order that was signed on the
25 <sup>th</sup> day of July	, 20_13, by ANGIE GODSEY, Registered Nurse License
Number 658458, and said	Order is final.
	Entered and effective this 26th day of July , 20 13.  Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN  Executive Director on behalf of said Board

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