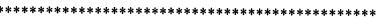
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



AGREED

In the Matter of §
Registered Nurse License Number 619284 §

issued to DEE O. ROWE § ORDER

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, cc the matter of DEE O. ROWE, Registered Nurse License Number 619284, 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)(2)&(10) (effective 9/1/2001) and Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), 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 August 2, 2013.

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 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 Central Texas College, Gainesville, Texas, on May 1, 1995. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 30, 1995.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1995 - 1996

Emergency Room (ER)

Duncan Regional Hospital Duncan, Oklahoma Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

1996 - 1997

ER Nurse/

Arbuckle Hospital Sulphur, Oklahoma

House Supervisor/

Charge Nurse

1998

Unknown

01/1999 - 06/2009

Travel Nurse

Nursing Options

Fort Collins, Colorado

06/2009 - Unknown

Staff Nurse

Texoma Medical Center

Denison, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Travel Nurse with Nursing Options, Fort Collins, Colorado, and had been in this position for five (5) years and five (5) months.
- 7. On or about May 5, 2003, Respondent submitted an online renewal document to the Board of Nurse Examiners for The State of Texas in which he provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information in that he answered "no" to the following question:

"Have you been plead guilty (including no contest plea), been found guilty or convicted of any felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation? (Note: DWI or DUI, including first offenses, are not considered minor traffic violations.)"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about September 21, 2001, he pled guilty and was convicted of Deadly Conduct (a misdemeanor offense committed on or about March 3, 2001), Case Number 2001-474634, in the County Court at Law No. 2, Lubbock County, Texas. Respondent's conduct was deceiving and may have affected the Board's decision to renew his license.

8. On or about May 10, 2005, Respondent submitted an online renewal document to the Board of Nurse Examiners for The State of Texas in which he provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information in that he answered "no" to the following question:

"Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrest (excluding minor traffic violations) since the last renewal? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without prejudice of guilt..."

9. On or about June 25, 2009, Respondent submitted an Application for employment to Texoma Medical Center, Denison, Texas, in which he provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information in that he answered "no" to the following question:

"Have you ever been convicted, or pled guilty, including a plea of no contest, to a criminal offense?"

Respondent's conduct was deceiving and may have affected Texoma Medical Center's decision to employ him.

- 10. Formal Charges were filed on April 18, 2013.
- 11. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on April 19, 2013.

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(22) (effective 11/1/2002) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(6)(H)&(6)(I).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10) (effective 9/1/2001) and Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 619284, heretofore issued to DEE O ROWE, 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, 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 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 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 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.texas.gov/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. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00). 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, 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 may 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 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 when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, 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 12 day of $Ausus F$, $20/3$.
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	DEE O. ROWE, Respondent
Sworn to and subscribed before me	this 12 day of August 2013.
CHRISTI ANDEL NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF OKLAHOMA CARTER COUNTY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 07-18-2016 COMMISSION # 00011772	Notary Public in and for the State of OKICHONO
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	DARRIN DEST, Attorney for Respondent
	Signed this 12 day of August, 20 13

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 12th day of August, 2013, by DEE O. ROWE, Registered Nurse License Number 619284, and said Order is final.

Effective this 16th day of August, 2013.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

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