BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of

8 AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 548223

issued to TREVA JAN POWELL

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of TREVA JAN POWELL, Registered Nurse License Number 548223, 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)(10) & (13) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, 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 15, 2013, subject to ratification by the Board.

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 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 a Diploma in Nursing from Methodist Hospital, Lubbock, Texas, on June 1, 1988. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on September 1, 1988.
- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

06/1988 - 04/1994

RN

Medical Center Hospital Odessa, Texas Executive Director of the Board

Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

04/1994 - 01/1995	RN	Nurses Unlimited Home Health Odessa, Texas
01/1995 - 07/1996	RN	Family Hospice & Home Health Odessa, Texas
07/1996 - 04/1998	unknown	
04/1998 - 09/1998	RN	Crane Skilled Nursing & Rehab Crane, Texas
09/1998 - 07/2000	unknown	
07/2000 - 08/2001	RN	Medical Center Hospital Odessa, Texas
08/2001 - 10/2003	unknown	
10/2003 - 10/2005	RN	Ward Memorial Hospital Monahans, Texas
09/2005 - 10/2006	RN	Odessa Regional Hospital Odessa, Texas
10/2006 - 08/2007	RN	Desert Springs Psychiatric Facility Midland, Texas
08/2007 - 03/2009	RN	Odessa Regional Medical Center Odessa, Texas
04/2009 - 09/2009	RN	Home Hospice Odessa, Texas
09/2009 - 01/2010	unknown	
01/2010 - 08/2011	RN	Starcare Home Health Odessa, Texas
04/2011 - 12/2011	RN	Select Healthcare Corporation Odessa, Texas
01/2012 - 09/2012	RN	Monahans Managed Care Center Monahans, Texas

Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

12/2012 - 03/2013

RN

Winkler County Memorial Hospital

Kermit, Texas

03/2013 - present

unknown *

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Winkler County Memorial Hospital, Kermit, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately three (3) months.
- 7. On or about March 6, 2013 through March 7, 2013, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Winkler County Memorial, Kermit, Texas, Respondent falsely documented assessments and/or nurses notes for Patient Medical Record Numbers 1793-195371, 14143-196207, 10756-196274 and 20145-196187. Additionally, Respondent admitted to "sometimes" predocumenting events on patients charts. Respondent's conduct resulted in inaccurate medical records and was likely to deceive subsequent care givers who relied on the documentation while providing care to the patients.
- 8. In response to the incident outlined in Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent denies. Respondent states that on the date of the complaint she had been experiencing some stomach pain, and she was stepping in and out of patient's rooms trying to get assessments complete. Respondent states that it became obvious that she was going to have to call the on call administrator and try to go home. Respondent states that at one point in the evening she had to use her cell phone from the restroom to call the LVN and ask her to complete the assessment of a patient because she was so ill. Respondent states that between her and the LVN she was able to get all of the charts open. Respondent adds that she had to run back to the restroom and essentially rushed to the ER. Respondent states that when she walked out of the ER she found the DON waiting for her with a termination notice in her hand. Respondent states that the DON accused her of pre-charting. Respondent states that she doesn't feel that she was at her best to be interrogated after being admitted into the ER. Respondent states that there was no attempt to be fraudulent or to violate any policies. Respondent states that the patients had been assessed by licensed nurses and she was merely opening and closing out her charts because she was not going to be able to continue her shift. Respondent states that if she did anything wrong it was unintentional.

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 §217.11(1)(D), and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(A) & (6)(H).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10) & (13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 548223, heretofore issued to TREVA JAN POWELL, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of 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(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 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: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(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 not 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: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(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. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html. 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(S) 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

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present

APPROPRIATE, WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

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(s). 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(s) 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(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 waive representation by counsel. 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 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(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance,

Signed this 17 day of August, 2013.

TREVA JAN POWELL, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this | 19 day of (11914 2013

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LAURA D. CARPENTER
Notary Public
STATE OF TEXAS
My Comm. Bro. July 21, 2015

	WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does
hereby ratify ar	nd adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 19th day of August
, 20 <u>13</u>	, by TREVA JAN POWELL, Registered Nurse License Number 548223, and said
Order is final.	
	Effective this 10 th day of September , 20 13
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	Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
	Executive Director on behalf of said Board