#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of

AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 725704

issued to NANCY LAURI COCHRAN

**ORDER** 

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of NANCY LAURI COCHRAN, Registered Nurse License Number 725704, 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, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

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

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was provided to 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.
- Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from North Central Texas College, Gainesville, Texas, on December 16, 2005. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 2, 2006.
- 5. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history is unknown.

is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.

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- 6. On or about January 13, 2011, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that she admitted herself to Mayhill Hospital, Denton, Texas, for mental health issues. Subsequently, on or about February 11, 2011, Respondent was admitted to University Behavioral Health of Denton, Denton, Texas, for additional mental health issues. 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.
- 7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states she did admit herself to the hospital in January and February of 2011, due to sleep deprivation and her taking Wellbutrin to help her stop smoking. Respondent states the Wellbutrin affected her in a negative psychological way, and this, coupled with the sleep deprivation, caused her to remove herself from work and admit herself to treatment.
- 8. Formal Charges were filed on March 4, 2013
- 9. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on March 6, 2013.
- 10. On or about June 26, 2013, Respondent verbally expressed to Staff of the Texas Board of Nursing her desire to voluntarily surrender her Registered Nursing License to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 11. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

#### 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(5).
- 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 725704, heretofore issued to NANCY LAURI COCHRAN, 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, as amended, 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 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

### **ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Registered Nurse License Number 725704, heretofore issued to NANCY LAURI COCHRAN, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by 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 "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.
- 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.

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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 becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 30Hday of September 2013.

RI COCHRAN, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30 day of September, 2013.

CAEMILY JERNIGAN
Notary Public
State of Texas

Notary Public in and for the State of

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 725704, previously issued to NANCY LAURI COCHRAN.

Effective this 30th day of September, 20 13.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board