### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of \$ AGREED Registered Nurse License Number 576943 \$ issued to LEONA YAGER ALEXANDER, a/k/a, \$ LEONA JO YAGER, \$ ORDER

Texas Board of Nursing.

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Executive Director of the Board

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of LEONA YAGER ALEXANDER, a/k/a, LEONA JO YAGER, Registered Nurse License Number 576943, 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.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Trinity Valley Community College, Kaufman, Texas, on May 20, 1991. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 17, 1992.
- 5. Respondent's employment history is unknown.

- 6. On or about May 31, 1984, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to THEFT 20, a Class A misdemeanor offense, in the Criminal County Court 8, Dallas County, Texas, under Case No. MA8455118. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred, without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of six (6) months, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- 7. On or about August 2, 1999, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to THEFT 50-500, a Class B misdemeanor offense, committed on February 26, 1998, in the County Criminal Court Number One, Tarrant County, Texas, under Case No. 0685196. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred, without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of twelve (12) months, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- 8. On or about March 1, 1999, Respondent was arrested by the Tarrant County Sheriff's office, Fort Worth, Texas, for THEFT PROPERTY >= \$20<\$500 BY CHECK, a Class B misdemeanor offense. Respondent was subsequently charged under Cause No. 0627372 for THEFT 20-500-CHECK. On or about August 26, 1999, Cause No. 0627372 was dismissed in County Criminal Court No. 1, Tarrant County, Texas, for the reason: "Other; 0 balance on checks."
- 9. On or about February 14, 2013, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM, NAMELY: METHAMPHETAMINE, a State Jail Felony offense, committed on January 5, 2012, in the Criminal District Court Number Two, Tarrant County, Texas, under Case No. 1279387D. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred, without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of two (2) years, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- 10. Formal Charges were filed on May 15, 2013.
- 11. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on May 17, 2013.
- 12. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses his/her desire to voluntarily surrender her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 13. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
- 14. 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.

## 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(13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 576943, heretofore issued to LEONA YAGER ALEXANDER, 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 576943, heretofore issued to LEONA YAGER ALEXANDER, 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 10 day of 000

LEONA YAGER ALEXANDER, Responden

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

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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 576943, previously issued to LEONA YAGER ALEXANDER.

Effective this 16th day of October, 2013.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board