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Patricia A. Plummer
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of §
Vocational Nurse License Number 159827 §
issued to KRISTEN MILLS §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 159827, issued to KRISTEN MILLS, 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.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Ranger Junior College - Brownwood Extension, Brownwood, Texas on August 10, 1996 Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 2, 1996.

4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1/2012 - 3/2012	Vocational Nurse	Abilene Nurse & Rehabilitation Abilene, Texas
4/2012 - 7/2012	Unknown	
8/2012 - 9/2012	Vocational Nurse	Wesley Court Abilene, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

10/2012 - 12/2012	Unknown	
1/2013 - 3/2013	Vocational Nurse	Texas Nurse Connections Abilene, Texas
3/2013 - 3/2013	Vocational Nurse	Holiday Hill Nursing Home Coleman, Texas
4/2013 - Present	Unknown	

5. On August 16, 2013, Respondent was notified by the Texas Board of Nursing of the following allegations:

On or about March 2013, through April 8, 2013, while employed with Holiday Hill Nursing Home, Coleman, Texas, Respondent:

- Withdrew narcotics from the Medication Dispensing System for patients, but failed to completely and accurately document the administration of the medication in the patient's Medication Administration Records (MARs) and/or Nurses Notes;
- Withdrew narcotics from the Medication Dispensing System for patients, but failed to follow the policy and procedure for the wastage of the medication;
- Misappropriated Dilaudid belonging to the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation;

On or about April 8, 2013, while employed with Holiday Hill Nursing Home, Coleman, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Methamphetamine and Amphetamine in that she submitted a specimen for drug screening which resulted positive for Methamphetamine and Amphetamine; and

On or about June 10, 2013, while participating with the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN), Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Oxazepam, Temazepam and Clonazepam in that she submitted a specimen for drug screening which resulted positive for Oxazepam, Temazepam and Clonazepam metabolites.

6. On August 22, 2013, Respondent was notified by the Texas Board of Nursing of the following additional allegation:

- On or about August 10, 2013, Respondent was arrested by the Abilene Police Department, Abilene, Texas, for "Driving While Intoxicated" (a Class B Misdemeanor).

7. On October 23, 2013, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated October 21, 2013, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
8. 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.
9. 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 §217.11(1)(A)&(1)(D) and 22 Tex. Admin. Code §217.12(1)(E),(5),(6)(G),(10)(A),(10)(B),(10)(C)&(11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 159827, heretofore issued to KRISTEN MILLS, 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, 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 TAC §§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 159827, heretofore issued to KRISTEN MILLS, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

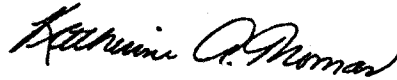
1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title of vocational nurse or the abbreviation LVN or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during 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; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
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.

Effective this day 23rd of October, 2013.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:



Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board

KRISTEN MILLS
2509 DARRELL DR.
ABILENE, TX 79606
Vocational Nurse License Number 159827

Voluntary Surrender Statement

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license(s) to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I may not petition for reinstatement until one (1) year from the effective date of the Order. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature Kristen Mills

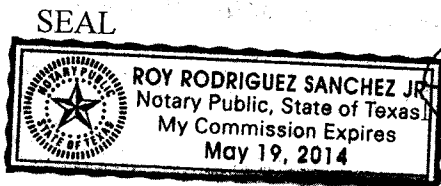
Date 10-21-13

Vocational Nurse License Number 159827

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared KRISTEN MILLS who, being duly sworn by me, stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that he or she understood same.

Sworn to before me the 21 day of October, 2013.



[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas