

IN THE MATTER OF
PERMANENT REGISTERED NURSE
LICENSE NUMBER 508091 &
PERMANENT VOCATIONAL NURSE

ISSUED TO
SUZANNE FORD

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BEFORE THE TEXAS
BOARD OF NURSING
ELIGIBILITY AND
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.
Patricia R. Plummer
Executive Director of the Board

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: SUZANNE FORD
640 ESTES PARK ESTATES DRIVE
LYONS, CO 80540

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on December 10, 2013, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by

reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 508091, previously issued to SUZANNE FORD, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 10th day of December, 2013.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charge filed July 31, 2013.

Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 508091
Issued to SUZANNE FORD
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 11th day of December, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

SUZANNE FORD
640 ESTES PARK ESTATES DRIVE
LYONS, CO 80540

Via USPS First Class Mail

SUZANNE FORD
1343 Alpine Street
Longmont, CO 80504



BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of § BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Registered Nurse §
License Number 508091 §
Issued to SUZANNE FORD, §
Respondent § BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, SUZANNE FORD, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 508091 which is in MSR Invalid status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

Respondent may lack fitness to safely practice nursing in that she has been diagnosed and treated for Bipolar Disorder Type I with psychotic features since June 18, 2008. Respondent's condition may prevent her from delivering safe nursing care.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(5).

CHARGE II.

On or about March 25, 2010, Respondent provided false and deceptive information on the Texas Board of Nursing Online Renewal Document Registered Nurse in that she answered "no" to the following question:

In the past 5 years, have you been diagnosed with or treated or hospitalized for schizophrenia or other psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder? (You may answer "no" if you have completed and/or are in compliance with TPAPN for mental issues?)

Respondent failed to disclose that she was diagnosed and treated for Bipolar Disorder Type I with psychotic features since June 18, 2008. Respondent's conduct was deceiving, which may have affected the Board's decision to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(H) & (6)(I).

CHARGE III.

On or about October 25, 2012, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct, which in the opinion of the Board was likely to injure patients or the public in that she facilitated the suicide of AM, her ex-husband. Although Respondent knew AM wanted to commit suicide, she failed to intervene when she observed AM consume an unknown number of pills in a single dose on the evening of October 24, 2012. Additionally, Respondent failed to institute resuscitation efforts when she awoke around 0700 the following morning and heard AM having labored breathing. Instead, Respondent sat with him while he was unconscious throughout the day until he stopped breathing before she notified emergency services.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10) Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(C).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct and for Lying and Falsification, for Fraud, Theft and Deception, which can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

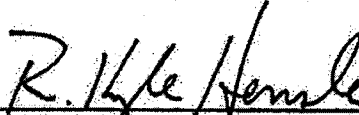
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NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html.

Filed this 31st day of July, 2013.

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