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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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| In the Matter of | § | AGREED |
| Registered Nurse License Number 736434 | § | |
| & Vocational Nurse License Number 190096 | § | |
| issued to HOLLY BETH TUTTLE | § | ORDER |

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of HOLLY BETH TUTTLE, Registered Nurse License Number 736434, and Vocational Nurse License Number 190096, 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)(9),(10),(12)&(13) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on December 11, 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 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's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is currently in delinquent status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from North Central Texas College, Gainesville, Texas, on August 7, 2003. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from North Central Texas College, Gainesville, Texas, on December 15, 2006. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 5, 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on January 9, 2007.

5. Respondent's vocational and registered nursing employment history includes:

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| 09/03-12/06 | LVN | Denton Regional Medical Center Denton, Texas |
| 01/07-01/11 | RN | Denton Regional Medical Center Denton, Texas |
| 01/11-12/12 | RN | Baylor Emergency Center at Aubrey Aubrey, Texas |
| 10/12-12/12 | RN | Texas Health Huguley Fort Worth Fort Worth, Texas |
| 12/12-05/13 | RN | Baylor Health System Dallas, Texas |
| 12/12-Present | RN | Advantage Nursing Services, LLC Metairie, Louisiana |

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Denton Regional Medical Center, Denton, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately two (2) years and ten (10) months.
7. On or about November 2, 2009, through January 18, 2011, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Denton Regional Medical Center, Denton, Texas, Respondent withdrew Lortab and Morphine from the Medication Dispensing System for patients, but failed to document or completely and accurately document the administration of the medications, including signs, symptoms, and changes to the medications, in the patient's medication administration records and/or nurses' notes. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients, in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patients which could result in an overdose, and Respondent's conduct placed the hospital in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
8. On or about November 13, 2009, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Denton Regional Medical Center, Denton, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Amphetamine, Hydrocodone, Hydromorphone, Phenylpropanolamine, and Pseudoephedrine in that she submitted a specimen for a drug screen which produced a positive result for Amphetamine (18879 ng/mL), Hydrocodone (>10000 ng/mL), Hydromorphone (1305 ng/mL), Phenylpropanolamine (>5000 ng/mL), and Pseudoephedrine (>250000 ng/mL). Unlawful possession of Amphetamine, Hydrocodone, Hydromorphone, Phenylpropanolamine, and Pseudoephedrine is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Amphetamine,

Hydrocodone, Hydromorphone, Phenylpropanolamine, and Pseudoephedrine by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patients condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

9. On or about May 2012, to December 24, 2012, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Baylor Emergency Center at Aubrey, Aubrey, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that she showed signs of impaired behavior to include: showing an increase in erratic behavior and mood swings, having uncontrollable hand tremors and face twitching, gross motor control problems, and slurred speech. Additionally, Respondent would leave for long periods of time, take frequent breaks, and was frequently late. 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.
10. On or about November 29, 2012, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Huguley Memorial Hospital, Burleson, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Hydromorphone, Morphine, and Tramadol in that she submitted a specimen for a drug screen which produced a positive result for Hydromorphone (374 ng/mL), Morphine (433 ng/mL), and Tramadol (9130 ng/mL). Unlawful possession of Hydromorphone, Morphine, and Tramadol is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Hydromorphone, Morphine, and Tramadol by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patients condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
11. On or about December 24, 2012, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Advantage Nursing Services, LLC, Metairie, Louisiana, and assigned to Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine, Grapevine, Texas, Respondent withdrew Dilaudid from the medication dispensing system for patients and failed to document or completely and accurately document the administration of the medications, including signs, symptoms, and changes to the medications, in the patient's medication administration record and/or nurses' notes. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients, in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patients which could result in an overdose, and Respondent's conduct placed the hospital in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
12. On or about December 24, 2012, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Advantage Nursing Services, LLC, Metairie, Louisiana, and assigned to Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine, Grapevine, Texas, Respondent withdrew Dilaudid from the medication dispensing system for patients and failed to follow the facility's policy and procedures for

wastage of any of the unused portions of the medications. Respondent's conduct left medications unaccounted for, was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy, and placed the pharmacy in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

13. On or about December 24, 2012, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Advantage Nursing Services, LLC, Metairie, Louisiana, and assigned to Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine, Grapevine, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Dilaudid from the facility or patients thereof or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.
14. On or about December 24, 2012, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Advantage Nursing Services, LLC, Metairie, Louisiana, and assigned to Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine, Grapevine, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Fentanyl in that she submitted a specimen for a drug screen which produced a positive result for Fentanyl. Unlawful possession of Fentanyl is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Fentanyl by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patients condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
15. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through Fourteen (14) Respondent states she entered into a five (5) day treatment program at Green Oaks Hospital, Dallas, Texas, on January 5, 2013. Since December 25, 2012, Respondent states she initially completed ninety (90) in ninety (90) Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings and continues to attend on average, three (3) to four (4) meetings a week; she has a sponsor and is committed to a clean and sober life.
16. 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)(B),(1)(D),(1)(T) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(E),(4),(5),(6)(G),(8),(10)(B),(10)(C),(10)(D)&(11)(B).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9),(10),(12)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 736434, and Vocational Nurse License Number 190096, heretofore issued to HOLLY BETH TUTTLE, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Registered Nurse License Number 736434, and Vocational Nurse License Number 190096, previously issued to HOLLY BETH TUTTLE, to practice nursing in Texas is/are hereby SUSPENDED for a period of three (3) years with the suspension STAYED and Respondent is hereby placed on PROBATION for three (3) years with the following agreed terms of probation:

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 the 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.

(1) 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.

(2) 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 not 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>.

(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>.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

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 PROBATION CONDITIONS FOR THREE (3) YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH THIRTY-SIX (36) 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 APPROPRIATE, WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the probation conditions 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 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 probation conditions 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.

(6) 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.

(7) For the first year of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly 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. Direct supervision requires another nurse, as applicable, to be working on the same unit as RESPONDENT and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. RESPONDENT SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). The 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.

(8) For the remainder of the probation period, 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.

(9) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a nurse on the night shift, rotate shifts, work overtime, accept on-call assignments, or be used for coverage on any unit other than the identified, predetermined unit(s) to which Respondent is regularly assigned for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

(10) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a nurse in any critical care area for one (1) year of employment as a nurse. Critical care areas include, but are not limited to, intensive care units, emergency rooms, operating rooms, telemetry units, recovery rooms, and labor and delivery units.

(11) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT administer or have any contact with controlled substances, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, Propofol, or other synthetic opiates for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

(12) 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 three (3) year(s) of employment as a nurse.

(13) RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain,

Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed, RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the licensed practitioner to submit a written report identifying the medication, dosage and the date the medication was prescribed. The report shall be submitted directly to the office of the Board by the prescribing practitioner, within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription. **In the event that prescriptions for controlled substances are required for periods of two (2) weeks or longer, the Board may require and RESPONDENT SHALL submit to a pain management and/or chemical dependency evaluation by a Board approved evaluator. The performing evaluator must submit a written report meeting the Board's requirements to the Board's office within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.**

(14) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol. For the first three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per week. For the next three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month. For the next six (6) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per month. For the remainder of the probation period, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) months. All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Screens obtained through urinalysis are the sole method accepted by the Board.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances and their metabolites:

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| Amphetamines | Meperidine |
| Barbiturates | Methadone |
| Benzodiazepines | Methaqualone |
| Cannabinoids | Opiates |
| Cocaine | Phencyclidine |
| Ethanol | Propoxyphene |
| tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram) | |

A Board representative may appear at the RESPONDENT'S place of employment at any time during

the probation period and require RESPONDENT to produce a specimen for screening.

All screens shall be properly monitored and produced in accordance with the Board's policy on Random Drug Testing. A complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each specimen obtained and analyzed. RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the probation period.

Any positive result for which the nurse does not have a valid prescription or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen may subject the nurse to further disciplinary action, including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas. Further, failure to report for a drug screen, excessive dilute specimens, or failure to call in for a drug screen may be considered the same as a positive result or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen.

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL attend at least two (2) support group meetings each week, one of which must be for substance abuse and provided by Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, or another comparable recovery program that has been pre-approved by the Board. RESPONDENT SHALL provide acceptable evidence of attendance. Acceptable evidence shall consist of a written record of at least: the date of each meeting; the name of each group attended; and the signature and printed name of the chairperson of each group attended by RESPONDENT. RESPONDENT SHALL submit the required evidence on the forms provided by the Board at the end of every three (3) month period. No duplications, copies, third party signatures, or any other substitutions will be accepted as evidence.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that if during the period of probation, an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against the Respondent's license(s), the probationary period shall not expire and shall automatically be extended until the

allegation, accusation, or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

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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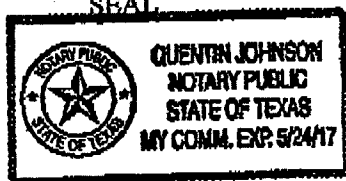
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I 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 16 day of January, 2014.

Holly Beth Tuttle
HOLLY BETH TUTTLE, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of January, 2014.



Quentin Johnson
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

Deborah Goodall
Deborah Goodall, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 20 day of January, 2014.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 16th day of January, 20 14, by HOLLY BETH TUTTLE, Registered Nurse License Number 736434, and Vocational Nurse License Number 190096, and said Order is final.

Effective this 11th day of February, 20 14.



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