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## BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of § AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 222989 §
issued to HENRY E. HERNANDEZ § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of HENRY E. HERNANDEZ, Vocational Nurse License Number 222989, 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)(1) and (10) 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 October 29, 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).
- Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this
  Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Concord Career Institute, Arlington, Texas on June 19, 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on August 6, 2009.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

08/09 - 01/11

LVN

Parkview Care Center

Fort Worth, Texas

02/11 - present

LVN

Bishop Davies Nursing

Center

Hurst, Texas

- On April 17, 2008, Respondent was issued an Order of Conditional Eligibility by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the April 17, 2008, Order of Conditional Eligibility, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- On October 22, 2009, Respondent was issued an Order of Conditional Eligibility by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the October 22, 2009, Order of Conditional Eligibility, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 8. On or about August 7, 2010, Respondent failed to comply with the Order of Conditional Eligibility issued to him on October 22, 2009, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number One (1) of the Order which states, in pertinent part:
  - (1) APPLICANT SHALL within one (1) year of entry of initial licensure in the State of Texas, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics....
- On or about January 18, 2011, Respondent failed to comply with the Order of Conditional Eligibility issued to him on October 22, 2009, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Twelve (12) of the Order which states, in pertinent part:
  - (12) APPLICANT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....
- 10. On or about January 26, 2011, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Parkview Care Center, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Alcohol in that he produced a specimen for a drug screen which resulted positive for Alcohol. The use of Alcohol by a Licensed Vocational Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's 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 January 26, 2011, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Parkview Care Center, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Order of Conditional Eligibility issued to him on October 22, 2009, by the Texas Board of Nursing. On or about January 26, 2011, Respondent produced a specimen for a drug screen which resulted positive for Alcohol, which constitutes a failure to comply with Stipulation Number Eleven (11) of the Order which states, in pertinent part:
  - (11) APPLICANT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances....
- 12. On or about April 20, 2011, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Parkview Care Center, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Order of Conditional Eligibility issued to him on October 22, 2009, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Twelve (12) of the Order which states, in pertinent part:
  - (12) APPLICANT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....
- On or about July 12, 2011, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Parkview Care Center, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Order of Conditional Eligibility issued to him on October 22, 2009, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Twelve (12) of the Order which states, in pertinent part:
  - (12) APPLICANT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol....
- 14. On August 3, 2012, Respondent completed the Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics course which would have been a requirement of this Order.
- 15. 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.
- 16. Formal Charges were filed on June 11, 2012.
- 17. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on June 13, 2012.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§217.12(10)(A)&(10)(D)&(11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(1), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against, Vocational License Number 222989, heretofore issued to HENRY E HERNANDEZ, 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 ,Vocational Nurse License Number 222989, previously issued to HENRY E HERNANDEZ, to practice nursing in Texas is/are hereby SUSPENDED with the suspension STAYED and Respondent is hereby placed on PROBATION for two (2) 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 pay a monetary fine in the amount of seven hundred fifty (\$750.00) dollars. RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of relicensure. 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.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of relicensure, 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: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

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 TWO (2) YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWENTY-FOUR (24)

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:

- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in vocational nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. 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.
- (5) 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 vocational nurse.
- (6) For the first year of employment as a vocational nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly supervised by a Registered Nurse or a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Direct supervision requires another professional or vocational nurse 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.
- (7) For the remainder of the stipulation period, RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse or 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.

- (8) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a vocational 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 vocational nurse.
- (9) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a vocational nurse in any critical care area for one (1) year of employment as a vocational 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.
- (10) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT administer or have any contact with controlled substances, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates for one (1) year of employment as a vocational nurse.
- (11) 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 vocational nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Registered Nurse or Licensed Vocational 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) months for two (2) years of employment as a vocational nurse.

- (12) 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 an evaluation by a Board approved physician specializing in Pain Management or Psychiatry. The performing evaluator will submit a written report to the Board's office, including results of the evaluation, clinical indications for the prescriptions, and recommendations for on-going treatment within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.
- (13) 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 second 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 stipulation 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 is the sole method accepted by the Board.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances:

Amphetamines
Barbiturates
Barzadiaganinas

Benzodiazepines Cannabinoids

Cocaine Ethanol

tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)

Meperidine

Methadone Methaqualone

Opiates

Phencyclidine Propoxyphene

A Board representative may appear at the RESPONDENT's place of employment at any time during the stipulation 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 stipulation period.

Any positive result for which the nurse does not have a valid prescription or failure to report for a drug screen, which may be considered the same as a positive result, will be regarded as non-compliance with the terms of this Order and 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 and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

(14) 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

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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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, 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.

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|                                  | Signed this day of                          |
|                                  | Helen En Handly                             |
|                                  | HENRY E HORNANDEZ, Respondent               |
| Sworn to and subscribed before n | ne this day of, 20                          |
| SEAL                             | M. Romell                                   |
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MICHELLE ROUMELL lotary Public, State of Texas My Commission Expires August 15, 2017

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Approved as/to form and substance.

indrews. Attorney for Respondent

Signed this

| W                 | HEREFORE, PREMISE      | ES CONSIDERED, the       | Texas   | Board of   | Nursing does    |
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| hereby ratify and | adopt the Agreed Order | that was signed on the _ | 1st     | _ day of _ | November        |
| 2013, by HENRY    | Y E HERNANDEZ, Voca    | tional Nurse License Nu  | ımber 2 | 22989, and | d said Order is |
| final.            |                        |                          |         |            |                 |

Effective this <u>23rd</u> day of <u>January</u>, <u>2014</u>.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

| In the Matter of               | § | • *                     |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| HENRY E. HERNANDEZ             | Ş | ORDER OF                |
| PETITIONER for Eligibility for | § | CONDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY |
| Licensure                      | § |                         |

On the date entered below, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Petition for Declaratory Order and supporting documents filed by HENRY E. HERNANDEZ, hereinafter referred to as PETITIONER, together with any documents and information gathered by staff and PETITIONER's Certificate contained herein. Information received by the Board produced evidence that PETITIONER may have violated Section 301.452 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.

PETITIONER waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on June 18, 2007, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- On or about March 28, 2006, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Declaratory Order requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Section 301.257 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 2. Petitioner waived representation, notice, administrative hearing, and judicial review.
- 3. Petitioner is currently enrolled in an Associate Degree Nursing Program at Tarrant County Junior College, Fort Worth, Texas, with an anticipated graduation date of May 2011.
- 4. Petitioner completed the Petition for Declaratory Order and answered "yes" to Question Number Two (2), which reads in part as follows: "Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrests? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudication with or without prejudice of guilt."

- 5. Petitioner disclosed the following criminal history, to wit:
  - A. On April 9, 2001, Petitioner was charged with the class B misdemeanor offense of Driving While Intoxicated in the County Court at Law No. 2 of Tom Green County, Texas. Petitioner entered a plea of guilty and Petitioner was sentenced to one hundred twenty (120) days confinement in the Tom Green County jail which was probated to one (1) year probation. On August 8, 2001, Petitioner was issued a Motion to Revoke probation.
  - On April 10, 2001, Petitioner was charged with the first degree felony offense of B. Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance in the 119th Judicial District Court of Tom Green County, Texas. Petitioner entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to seven (7) years confinement in the Institutional Division of the Department of Criminal Justice which was probated to ten (10) years probation. On August 1, 2001, Petitioner was issued a Motion to Revoke Probation. On October 8, 2001, Petitioner was granted an Order Continuing Conditions of Probation. On October 29, 2001, Petitioner's probation was modified to include thirty (30) days confinement in the Tom Green County jail and participation in a counseling/treatment program as directed by the Community Supervision Officer. On January 12, 2002, Petitioner was issued a Motion to Revoke Probation. On October 9, 2002, Petitioner was granted an Order Amending Conditions of Probation. On November 26, 2002, Petitioner was allowed to continue with the probation sentence entered on April 10, 2001. On September 18, 2003, Petitioner was released from the Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility.
  - C. On November 7, 2002, Petitioner was charged with the class B misdemeanor offense of Theft (Check Insufficient) in the County Court at Law of Tom Green County, Texas. Petitioner entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to ninety (90) days confinement in the Tom Green County jail and assessed a fine in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
- 6. There is no evidence of any subsequent criminal conduct.
- 7. Licensure of Petitioner poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public, provided Petitioner complies with the stipulations outlined in this Order.
- 8. The Executive Director's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of the information provided by Petitioner.
- Petitioner has sworn that his past behavior conforms to the Board's professional character requirements. Petitioner presented no evidence of behavior which is inconsistent with good professional character.

- 10. Petitioner has been advised that any information found to be incomplete, incorrect, or misleading will be considered and may result in an ultimate determination of ineligibility or the later revocation of a license obtained through misrepresentation.
- 11. On June 18, 2007, the Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past behavior in light of the character factors set out in 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for good professional character.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Board of Nurse Examiners has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
- 2. Petitioner has submitted a petition in compliance with Section 301.257 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 3. Petitioner's criminal history reflects criminal conduct which is grounds for denial of a license under Section 301.452 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 4. Petitioner shall immediately notify the Board of any fact or event that could constitute a ground of ineligibility for licensure under Section 301.452, Texas Occupations Code.
- 5. The Board may license an individual who has been previously convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to any crime whether or not a sentence was imposed upon consideration of the factors set out in 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.28 and evaluating the direct relationship to nursing according to Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq.. Texas Occupations Code.
- 6. The Board may license an individual with prior behaviors inconsistent with the Board's character requirements if, upon evaluation of the factors in 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.27, the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform his conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.

#### **ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that upon meeting the requirements for graduation and payment of any required fees, HENRY E. HERNANDEZ, PETITIONER, is CONDITIONALLY ELIGIBLE to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered

Nurses (NCLEX-RN® Examination). PETITIONER SHALL NOT be eligible for temporary authorization to practice as a Graduate Nurse in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for the duration of PETITIONER's nursing program PETITIONER SHALL submit to periodic random drug screens through National Confederation of Professional Services, Inc. (NCPS). Phone Number 1 (800) 948-8589.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that PETITIONER SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education; Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 et seq., and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while PETITIONER's license is encumbered by this Order the PETITIONER may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where PETITIONER wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that PETITIONER, upon attaining a passing grade on the NCLEX-RN®, shall be issued a license to practice nursing in the State of Texas which shall bear the appropriate notation and PETITIONER SHALL be subject to the following stipulations.

(1) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of initial licensure in the State of Texas, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. PETITIONER 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) contact 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 Chemical Dependency, and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. PETITIONER 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 PETITIONER'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.bne.state.tx.us/about/stipscourses.html.

- (\$500.00). PETITIONER SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of initial licensure in te State of Texas. Payment is to be made directly to the Board of Nurse Examiners in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.
- (3) IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD PETITIONER's probation be revoked and Petitioner's sentence of confinement be imposed said judicial action will result in further disciplinary action including Revocation of Petitioner's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- (4) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE his probation officer to submit written reports on forms provided to the Petitioner by the Board. The reports shall indicate the PETITIONER's

compliance with the court ordered probation. The reports shall be furnished each and every three (3) month period until PETITIONER is released from probation.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD PETITIONER PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, PETITIONER WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND PETITIONER MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR TWO (2) YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) LICENSE WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

- (5) PETITIONER SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on PETITIONER's license. PETITIONER SHALL present a complete copy of this Order to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- (6) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Petitioner 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 Professional Nurse under this Order, PETITIONER SHALL be directly supervised by a Registered Nurse. Direct supervision requires another professional nurse to be working on the same unit as PETITIONER and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. PETITIONER SHALL work only on regularly

a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency.

PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

- (8) For the remainder of the stipulation period, PETITIONER SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as PETITIONER, 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 Petitioner is currently working. PETITIONER SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- (9) PETITIONER SHALL NOT practice as a professional 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 Petitioner is regularly assigned for one (1) year of employment as a professional nurse.
- (10) PETITIONER SHALL NOT practice as a professional nurse in any critical care area for one (1) year of employment as a professional 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) PETITIONER SHALL NOT administer or have any contact with controlled substances, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates for one (1) year of employment as a professional nurse.
- (12) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Petitioner by the Board, periodic reports as to PETITIONER's capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Registered Nurse who supervises the PETITIONER. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) months for two (2) years of employment as a nurse.
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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 stipulation period, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) months.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances:

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

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Any positive result for which the nurse does not have a valid prescription will be regarded as non-compliance with the terms of this Order and may subject the nurse to further disciplinary action by this Board. Failure to report for a drug screen may be considered the same as a positive result and may result in further disciplinary action by this Board.

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meeting; the name of each group attended; and the signature and printed name of the chairperson of each group attended by PETITIONER. PETITIONER SHALL submit the required evidence on the forms provided by the Board at the end of every three (3) months. No duplications, copies, third party signatures, or any other substitutions will be accepted as evidence.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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I am the Petitioner in this matter. I have fully and truthfully disclosed all of my past criminal conduct, and I have caused a complete and accurate criminal history to be submitted to the Board of Nurse Examiners from each jurisdiction in which I have been adjudged guilty by way of conviction or deferred order. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Petition for Declaratory Order, has been in conformity with the Board's professional character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past behavior in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of conviction, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

In connection with my petition, I acknowledge that I have read and I understand Section 301.257, Texas Occupations Code, Section 301.452(a), (b) and (c), Texas Occupations Code, and Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code, and Board Rules 213.27, 213.28, and 213.29 at 22 Texas Administrative Code. I agree with all terms of this Order, including the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any stipulations as set out in this Order. I acknowledge that this Order is stipulated and I understand that I am not eligible to receive a Graduate Nurse Permit to practice. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to registering for the NCLEX-RN® Examination or accepting any permit or license from the Board of Nurse Examiners.

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 to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

I understand that I can be represented by an attorney in this matter. I waive representation, notice, administrative hearing, and judicial review of this Order and request that the Executive Director of the Board of Nurse Examiners enter this Order.

Signed this & day of March ,2008

HENRY E. HERNANDEZ, PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of March

SEAL

Notary Public In and for the State of 1000

Jacquelyn A Jordan
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires:
September 5, 2008

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Order of Conditional Eligibility that was signed on the 6th day of March, 2008, by HENRY E. HERNANDEZ, PETITIONER, for Petition for Declaratory Order, and said Order is final.

Entered this <u>17<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>April</u>, <u>2008</u>.

BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

By:

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN

Executive Director on behalf of said Board

## BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

| In the Matter of              | §  |                         |
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| HENRY E. HERNANDEZ            | §  | ORDER OF                |
| APPLICANT for Eligibility for | §  | CONDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY |
| Licensure                     | §. |                         |

On the date entered below, the Board of Nursing for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Application for Licensure by Examination and supporting documents filed by HENRY E. HERNANDEZ, hereinafter referred to as APPLICANT, together with any documents and information gathered by staff and APPLICANT's Certificate contained herein. Information received by the Board produced evidence that APPLICANT may have violated Section 301.452 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.

APPLICANT waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on February 27, 2009, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about June 27, 2008, Applicant submitted an Application for Lieuweure by Examination requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Section 301.257 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 2. Applicant waived representation, notice, informal proceedings, and judicial review.
- 3. Applicant was scheduled to receive a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Concorde Career Institute, Arlington, Texas, in June 2009
- 4. Applicant completed the Application for Licensure by Examination and answered "yes" to the question which reads in part as follows: "For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:
  - A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?

- B. been convicted of a felony?
- C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
- D. received deferred adjudication?
- E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
- F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
- G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
- H. been arrested or any pending criminal charges?
- I. been <u>cited</u> or charged with any violation of the law?
- J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation, or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?"
- 5. Applicant disclosed the following criminal history, to wit:
  - A. On April 9, 2001, Applicant was charged with the Class B misdemeanor offense of Driving While Intoxicated in the County Court at Law No. 2 of Tom Green County, Texas. Applicant entered a plea of guilty and Applicant was sentenced to one hundred twenty (120) days confinement in the Tom Green County jail which was probated for one (1) year. On August 8, 2001, Applicant was issued a Motion to Revoke probation.
  - On April 10, 2001, Applicant was charged with the first degree felony offense of ₿. Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance in the 119th Judicial District Court of Tom Green County, Texas. Applicant entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to seven (7) years confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice which was probated for ten (10) years. On August 1, 2001, Applicant was issued a Motion to Revoke Probation. On October 8, 2001, Applicant was granted an Order Continuing Conditions of Probation. On October 29, 2001, Applicant's probation was modified to include thirty (30) days confinement in the Tom Green County jail and participation in a counseling/treatment program as directed by the Community Supervision Officer. On January 12, 2002, Applicant was issued a Motion to Revoke Probation. On October 9, 2002, Applicant was granted an Order Amending Conditions of Probation. On November 26, 2002, Applicant was allowed to continue with the probation sentence entered on April 10, 2001. On September 18, 2003, Applicant was released from the Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility.
  - C. On November 7, 2002, Applicant was charged with the Class B misdemeanor offense of Theft (Check Insufficient) in the County Court at Law of Tom Green County, Texas. Applicant entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to ninety (90) days confinement in the Tom Green County jail and assessed a fine.
- 6. There is no evidence of any subsequent criminal conduct.

- 7. On April 17, 2008, Applicant was issued an order of Conditional Eligibility by the Board of Nursing for the State of Texas. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of Conditional Eligibility dated April 17, 2008, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 8. Licensure of Applicant poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public, provided Applicant complies with the stipulations outlined in this Order.
- 9. The Executive Director's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of the information provided by Applicant.
- 10. Applicant has sworn that his past behavior conforms to the Board's professional character requirements. Applicant presented no evidence of behavior which is inconsistent with good professional character.
- 11. Applicant has been advised that any information found to be incomplete, incorrect, or misleading will be considered and may result in an ultimate determination of ineligibility or the later revocation of a license obtained through misrepresentation.
- 12. On February 27, 2009, the Executive Director considered evidence of Applicant's past behavior in light of the character factors set out in 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.27 and determined that Applicant currently demonstrates the criteria required for good professional character.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Board of Nursing for the State of Texas has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
- 2. Applicant has submitted an application in compliance with Section 301.257 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 3. Applicant's criminal history reflects criminal conduct which is grounds for denial of a license under Section 301.452 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 4. Applicant shall immediately notify the Board of any fact or event that could constitute a ground of ineligibility for licensure under Section 301.452, Texas Occupations Code.
- 5. The Board may license an individual who has been previously convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to any crime whether or not a sentence was imposed upon consideration of the factors set out in 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.28 and evaluating the direct relationship to nursing according to Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.

The Board may license an individual with prior behaviors inconsistent with the Board's character requirements if, upon evaluation of the factors in 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.27, the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform his conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.

#### **ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that upon meeting the requirements for graduation and payment of any required fees, HENRY E. HERNANDEZ, APPLICANT, is CONDITIONALLY ELIGIBLE to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN® Examination) and National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN® Examination). APPLICANT SHALL NOT be eligible for temporary authorization to practice as a Graduate Nurse in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that APPLICANT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 et seq., and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to APPLICANT's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while APPLICANT's licenses are encumbered by this Order the APPLICANT may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where APPLICANT wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that APPLICANT, upon attaining a passing grade on the NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN® shall be issued a license to practice nursing in the State of Texas

which shall bear the appropriate notation and APPLICANT SHALL be subject to the following stipulations.

(1) APPLICANT SHALL, within one (1) year of initial licensure in the State of Texas, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. APPLICANT 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) contact 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. APPLICANT 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 APPLICANT'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.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(\$500.00). APPLICANT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of initial licensure in te State of Texas. Payment is to be made directly to the Board of Nursing for the State of Texas in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD APPLICANT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, APPLICANT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND APPLICANT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR TWO (2) YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) LICENSE OR VOCATIONAL NURSE (LVN) LICENSE WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

- (3) APPLICANT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on APPLICANT's license. APPLICANT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.
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(7) APPLICANT 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 Applicant is regularly assigned for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

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- and Applicant's sentence of confinement be imposed said judicial action will result in further disciplinary action including Revocation of Applicant's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- (15) APPLICANT SHALL CAUSE his probation officer to submit written reports on forms provided to the Applicant by the Board. The reports shall indicate the APPLICANT's compliance with the court ordered probation. The reports shall be furnished each and every three (3) month period until APPLICANT is released from probation.
- (16) The stipulations outlined and required herein SHALL supercede all previous stipulations required by any Order entered by the Texas Board of Nursing.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order,
APPLICANT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any,
to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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## **APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION**

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Signed this 21 day of Mig. , 2009

HENRY E. HERNANDEZ, APPLICANT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of august, 2009

Notary Public in and for the State of

LOTTIE JAME SANDERS My Commission Expires April 28, 2013

**SEAL** 

| WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nursing for the State of                               |
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| Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Order of Conditional Eligibility that was signed on the 24th |
| day of August , 2009 , by HENRY E. HERNANDEZ, APPLICANT, for Licensure by                           |
| Examination, and said Order is final.                                                               |
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Entered this <u>22<sup>nd</sup></u> day of <u>October</u>, <u>2009</u>

BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

By:

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Executive Director on behalf of said Board