

IN THE MATTER OF
PERMANENT REGISTERED NURSE
LICENSE NUMBER 521887
ISSUED TO
EMILY R PRITCHETT

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BEFORE THE TEXAS
BOARD OF NURSING
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



Patricia A. Plummer
Executive Director of the Board

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.

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: EMILY R PRITCHETT
6412 TUMBLING CREEK TRAIL
DALLAS, TEXAS 75241

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on February 11, 2014, 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 521887, previously issued to EMILY R PRITCHETT, 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 11th day of February, 2014.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



BY:

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

Attachment: Formal Charge filed December 6, 2014.

Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 521887
Issued to EMILY R PRITCHETT
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 13th day of February, 2014, 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

EMILY R PRITCHETT
6412 TUMBLING CREEK TRAIL
DALLAS, TEXAS 75241

BY:



KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director

December 6, 2013

Certified Mail No. 91 7199 9991 7031 6771 4703

Return Receipt Requested

Emily R Pritchett
6412 Tumbling Creek Trail
Dallas, Texas 75241

Dear Emily R Pritchett:

Enclosed are Formal Charges which have been filed against you because your pending alleged violation(s) of Section 301.452(b) of the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, have not been resolved. Within three weeks from the date of this letter, you must file a written answer to each charge admitting or denying each allegation. If you intend to deny only part of an allegation, you must specify so much of it as is true and deny only the remainder. Your answer shall also include any other matter, whether of law or fact, upon which you intend to rely for your defense. Send your written answer to the attention of Molly Omelchuck, RN, Investigator, at the above address. You may obtain legal counsel at your own expense.

FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER TO THE FORMAL CHARGES, EITHER PERSONALLY OR BY LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, WILL RESULT IN THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN THE FORMAL CHARGES BEING ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF WILL BE GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

If a written answer to the Formal Charges is not received within three weeks from the date of this letter, this matter will proceed on a default basis and it will be staff's recommendation that a default order be entered revoking your license(s) and/or nurse licensure compact privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The result of any disciplinary action, including any default order or formal disposition (Board Order), is public information. Dispositions, including default orders and formal dispositions, will appear in the Board's quarterly newsletter and will be reported to the National Council of State Boards of

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Nursing, Inc., and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

You may resolve this matter by signing the proposed Agreed Order previously sent to you before a notary and returning it to this office. If you do not have the proposed Agreed Order, a duplicate can be sent to you upon request.

Should you desire to discuss this matter, contact Molly Omelchuck, RN, Investigator, at (512) 305-6833.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine A. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Formal Charges

DB(2013.05.15)

In the Matter of § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**
Permanent Registered Nurse §
License Number 521887 §
Issued to EMILY R PRITCHETT, §
Respondent § **BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, EMILY R PRITCHETT, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 521887, which is in current 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.

On or about January 26, 2012, through November 23, 2012, while employed as a RN with M. Pritchett and Associates, Dallas, Texas, Respondent delegated unlicensed personnel to administer Insulin to Patient E.B. without ensuring complete and accurate documentation of training for the specific individuals to whom administration of Insulin was being delegated. Respondent's conduct resulted in incomplete training records and deprived subsequent care givers of vital information on which to base decisions regarding evaluating the safety of Insulin being administered by unlicensed personnel.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(D),(1)(M)&(1)(S) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(D)&(4).

CHARGE II.

On or about January 26, 2012, through November 23, 2012, while employed as a RN with M. Pritchett and Associates, Dallas, Texas, Respondent delegated unlicensed personnel to administer insulin to the aforementioned Patient EB without providing required supervisory visits. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient from improper administration of Insulin by unlicensed staff due to possibly unsafe technique, including the over or under administration of Insulin, thereby placing the patient at risk of harm of high or low blood sugar.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M)&(1)(U) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(D),(1)(F)&(4).

CHARGE III.

On or about January 26, 2012, through November 23, 2012, while employed as a RN with Pritchett and Associates, Dallas, Texas, Respondent failed to direct unlicensed staff to implement the correct interventions for the aforementioned diabetic Patient EB, whose blood sugar was frequently high. Instead of directing staff to withhold sugar when EB's blood sugar was high, Respondent directed staff to give him soda. Respondent's conduct placed the patient at risk for complications related to uncontrolled high blood sugar, including cardiovascular disease, kidney and nerve damage, infections, non-healing wounds and becoming comatose.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)&(1)(M) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

CHARGE IV.

On or about January 26, 2012, through November 23, 2012, while employed as a RN with M. Pritchett and Associates, Dallas, Texas, Respondent failed to acquire evaluations by a psychologist or behavior analyst knowing that Patient EB injured himself by purposefully creating open wounds on his feet. The expertise of a mental health professional may have introduced effective preventative measures to be implemented by care givers and/or Patient EB. Respondent's conduct may have contributed to the patient's subsequent hospitalization for an infection of the right foot.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M)&(1)(P) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

CHARGE V.

On or about May 30, 2012, through November 23, 2012, while employed as a RN with M. Pritchett and Associates, Dallas, Texas, Respondent failed to acquire evaluations from the nephrologist and endocrinologist as requested by the primary care physician for Patient EB. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient from undiagnosed and untreated disease processes, including cardiovascular and renal disease.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M)&(1)(Q) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

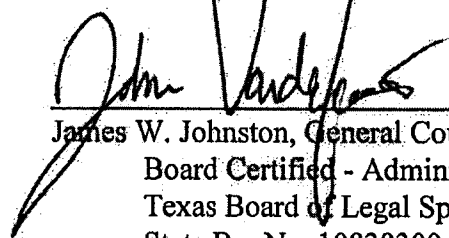
NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules. Additionally, 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, 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 6 day of December, 2013.

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