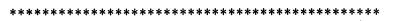
#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of

AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 779040

issued to CRYSTALEE LOUISE WEISE

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CRYSTALEE LOUISE WEISE, Registered Nurse License Number 779040, 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)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on January 24, 2014, 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 representation by counsel, 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.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas, on December 11, 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on January 12, 2010.
- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

12/09 - 09/12

**GN/RN** 

Northwest Texas Healthcare System Amarillo, Texas

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Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

10/12 - 11/12

RN

Hereford Regional Medical Center

Hereford, Texas

10/12 - Present

RN

NurseFinders Amarillo, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Northwest Texas Healthcare System, Inc., Amarillo, Texas, and has been in this position for two (2) years and nine (9) months.
- 7. On or about September 21, 2012, while employed with Northwest Healthcare System, Inc., Amarillo, Texas, Respondent entered an order into the hospital computer system for a two (2) view Chest X-Ray for Patient Medical Record Number 237486, without discussing the patient's condition with the physician, and without receiving an order from the physician. Respondent's conduct was deceptive and created an inaccurate medical record.
- 8. On or about October 15, 2013, Respondent failed to repay her Texas Guaranteed Student Loan, as provided in Section 57.491 of the Texas Education Code. Respondent's failure to repay her Texas Guaranteed Student Loan may have deprived other applicants of funds for nursing school loans.
- 9. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that the respiratory therapist (RT) told her that the patient sounded worse than the day before and asked when the patient's last chest x-ray was. Respondent states that she told the RT the patient had a chest x-ray five (5) days prior and the RT suggested that another chest x-ray be done. Respondent states she attempted to contact the patient's physician by telephone twice, but the physician did not answer and there was no way to leave a message. Respondent points out that the physician yelled at her one week prior to this incident for not doing something she should have; therefore, Respondent felt that a chest x-ray would give the physician valuable information about the patient. Respondent states she ordered the chest x-ray for a later time, in order to give the physician time to get on the floor and make rounds. Respondent further states that when the physician showed up to the floor, radiology had already picked up the patient for the x-ray. When the physician asked about the patient, Respondent told the physician what the RT had reported and how long it had been since the last x-ray. Respondent's further states the physician yelled at her again, told her that the patient was being treated for pneumonia and that she should not have ordered the test. Respondent states she called radiology and cancelled the x-ray, and the patient was returned to the floor.

## 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)&(D) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(6)(A).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 779040, heretofore issued to CRYSTALEE LOUISE WEISE, 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 779040, previously issued to CRYSTALEE LOUISE WEISE, to practice nursing in Texas is/are hereby SUSPENDED and said suspension is ENFORCED until Respondent completes the following requirements:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL initiate contact with the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation and make arrangements to repay her student loan(s). Upon approval of a repayment contract with the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation, RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation to submit verification of the defaulted loan's repayment status directly to the Board.

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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, upon verification of successful completion of the above requirements, the Suspension will be STAYED, and RESPONDENT will be placed on PROBATION with the following agreed terms of probation:

- (2) 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.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay all re-registration fees, if applicable, and RESPONDENT'S licensure status in the State of Texas will be updated to reflect the applicable conditions outlined herein.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the suspension being stayed, 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 <u>not</u> 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: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the suspension being stayed, 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 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. BALANCE OF THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK.

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# **RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION**

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. 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 17th day of _	February , 2014
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CRYSTALEE LOUISE W	EISE, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me t	his <u>14th</u> day of <u>February</u> , 2014.
SEAL	Veronica R. Brown
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*****	Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>17th</u> day of <u>February</u>, 20<u>14</u>, by CRYSTALEE LOUISE WEISE, Registered Nurse License Number 779040, and said Order is final.

Effective this 18th day of March, 20 14.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board