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AGREED In the Matter of §

Vocational Nurse License Number 226219 §

Texas Occupations Code.

issued to ALLISON KAYE HEISER

Executive Director of the Board ORDER On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ALLISON KAYE HEISER, Vocational Nurse License Number 226219, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c),

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these 1. Findings of Fact was provided to Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and 2. agreed to the entry of this Order.
- Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is currently 3. suspended.
- Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from North Central Texas College, 4. Gainesville, Texas on December 11, 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on January 14, 2010.
- Respondent's vocational employment history includes: 5.

02/2010 - 12/2011

LVN

Angels of Care Pediatric Home Health

C10vs

Sherman, Texas

12/2011 - 02/2012

LVN

Viva Pediatrics Dallas, Texas

03/12 - Present

Unknown

6. On or about February 5, 2014, Respondent was non-compliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on November 9, 2012. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with all requirements of the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) participation agreement in that she engaged in the use of alcohol as evidenced by her submission of a specimen for a drug screen which was diluted and resulted positive for Ethyl Glucuronide (EtG). Respondent admitted to consuming alcohol. Additionally, Respondent failed to satisfy her one (1) year work requirement, had not submitted 12 Step Meeting attendance records or 90/90 completion documentation since starting her participation with TPAPN, and had not submitted monthly Self Reports since April 2013. Stipulation Number Three (3) of the Agreed Order dated November 9, 2012, states:

"(3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN contract during its term and SHALL keep his license to practice nursing in the State of Texas current."

On or about February 5, 2014, Respondent was dismissed from TPAPN and referred back to the Board.

- 7. Formal Charges were filed on March 21, 2014.
- 8. Charges were mailed to Respondent on March 21, 2014.
- 9. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 10. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
- 11. 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 §217.12(5),(9),(10)(A)&(11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 226219, heretofore issued to ALLISON KAYE HEISER, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

## ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Vocational Nurse License Number 226219, heretofore issued to ALLISON KAYE HEISER, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until:

one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.

3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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.

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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 becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

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Signed this day of April 20/4.
ALLISON KAYE HEISER, Respondent
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worn to and subscribed before me this day of, 20
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Notary Public in and for the State of

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 226219, previously issued to ALLISON KAYE HEISER.

Effective this 29th day of April, 2014.

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board