BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of

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Vocational Nurse License Number 141982

issued to CARMEN VILLAREAL

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Boar considered the matter of CARMEN VILLAREAL, Vocational Nurse License Number 141982, 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) and 301.453, 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 November 18, 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 representation by counsel, 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.
- 4. Respondent received Certificate in Vocational Nursing from St. Phillips College, San Antonio, Texas, on January 4, 1993. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 25, 1993.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

06/1993 - 1996

Unknown

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1997 - 01/2001	LVN	Nurses Network San Francisco, CA
02/2001 - 04/2004	Unknown	
05/2004 - 02/2006	LVN	INVOA Home Health Alexandria, VA
03/2006 - 09/2007	LVN	Home Health Innovations San Antonio, TX
10/2007 - 04/2010	LVN	Freedom Home Health San Antonio, TX
05/2010 - 02/2013	LVN	Bexar Care Home Health San Antonio, TX
03/2013 - 06/2013	LVN	Home Health Innovations San Antonio, TX
07/2013 - Present	LVN	Bexar Care Home Health San Antonio, TX

- 6. On or about January 18, 2012, Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas was issued the sanction of a REMEDIAL EDUCATION AND A FINE. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Agreed Order dated January 18, 2012, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 7. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Home Health Innovations, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately three (3) months.
- 8. On or about June 12, 2013, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Home Health Innovations, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and assigned to provide in-home nursing care to patient Medical Record No. C1P568, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct in that she misappropriated pool balls from the patient's home. Respondent's conduct was likely to cause distress and defraud the patient and patient's family of the cost of the pool balls.
- 9. In response to Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states she removed six or seven pool balls with the agreement that she would return them within 24-48 hours. Respondent states she did return them within that time frame. Respondent states the balls were to be used in an art project she had in mind. Respondent states she did not intend to cause the family distress, and apologizes for her poor judgment.

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(6)(G).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 141982, heretofore issued to CARMEN VILLAREAL, 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 RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS AND A FINE, and 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.

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, 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 that:

- (1) 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 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.
 - (2) 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.

(\$250) dollars. 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 STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWELVE (12) 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 each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations 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 stipulations 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.

- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.

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 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 Deday of Feb., 2014

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29 d

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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 19th day of February, 20 14, by CARMEN VILLAREAL, Vocational Nurse License Number 141982, and said Order is final.

Effective this 18th day of March, 2014.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of Vocational Nurse

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License Number 141982

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hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the B considered the matter of CARMEN VILLAREAL, Vocational Nurse License Number 141982,

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(2)&(9)(eff. date 9/1/1985), and Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on December 2, 2011, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director.

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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from St. Philips College, San Antonio, Texas, on January 4, 1993. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 25, 1993.
- 5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about January 19, 1993, Respondent submitted an Application for Licensure by Examination to the Texas Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you ever been convicted and/or pled guilty to a felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation?

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about July 21, 1992, Respondent pled Guilty to CREDIT CARD ABUSE, a felony offense committed on January 17, 1992, in the District Court, Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 92-CR-3551.

On or about April 24, 2006, Respondent submitted a License Renewal Form (Delinquent for over 90 days) to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, plead 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 arrest (excluding minor traffic violations)? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without prejudice of guilt. Please note that DUI's, DWI's, PI's must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. (One time minor in possession [MIP] or minor in consumption [MIC] do not need to be disclosed, therefore, you may answer "No". If you have two or more MIP's or MIC's, you must answer "Yes".)

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about July 12, 2002, Respondent pled Guilty and was convicted of PETIT LARCENY, a Class 1 misdemeanor offense committed on July 3, 2002, in the Circuit Court, Arlington County, Virginia, under Case No. C02-2853.

8. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Seven (7), Respondent states: She recognizes the seriousness of her erroneous answers on her application for licensure renewal. She had misread the series of questions and applied the five (5) year standard of other questions to the entire list. Now that the error has been brought to her attention, she is concerned that her critical reading skills were below her normal standard. This lapse, plus the series of problems of early years, are being dealt with affirmatively.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. 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 of Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Art. 4528c, Sec. 10(a)(2)&(9)(eff. date 9/1/1985), and Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §231.81(6)(eff. 1/1/1985) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE

§217.12(6)(I).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 141982, heretofore issued to CARMEN VILLAREAL, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION AND A FINE, and 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.

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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: http://wwww.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

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IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT shall 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 violations 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. 1 understand that when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, 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 17 day of Jahvary, 2017

CARMEN VILLAREAL Respondent

day of January, 20

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DENISE GARCIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES November 20, 2013

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

Marion W. Cain, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 17 day of January, 20/2

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 17th day of January, 20 12, by CARMEN VILLAREAL, Vocational Nurse License Number 141982, and said Order is final.



Effective this 18th day of January, 2012.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board