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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse § AGREED
License Number 93148 and Registered Nurse §
License Number 538078 § ORDER
issued to JODELL RUTH COOK §

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JODELL RUTH COOK, Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, and Registered Nurse License Number 538078, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(12), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, 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.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is currently in delinquent status. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Harris Hospital, School of Vocational Nursing, Fort Worth, Texas, on August 23, 1981. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 11, 1981. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Christian-Harris College, Fort Worth, Texas, on August 1, 1984. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 23, 1987.

5. Respondent's vocational and professional nursing employment history includes:

1981 - 7/84	Unknown	
8/84 - 9/84	Staff Nurse	Research Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
10/84 - 12/85	Staff Nurse	Kansas University Medical Center Kansas City, Kansas
12/85 - 3/86	Staff Nurse	North Kansas City Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
3/86 - 5/86	Staff Nurse	Kansas City Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
5/86 - 12/86	Agency Nurse	American Nurses Resource Kansas City, Missouri
1/87 - 3/87	Unemployed	
4/87 - 10/87	Staff Nurse	Odessa Medical Center Odessa, Texas
10/87 - 5/89	Staff Nurse	Doctor's Regional Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
2/89 - 5/89	Staff Nurse	Lucy Lee Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
6/89 - 9/89	Staff Nurse	Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
9/89 - 9/90	Staff Nurse	Doctor's Regional Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
10/89 - 6/90	Director of Nursing	Beverly Nursing Center Dexter, Missouri
9/90 - 1/91	Staff Nurse	Delta Regional Hospital Sikeston, Missouri

Respondent's vocational and professional nursing employment history continued:

1/91 - 5/92	Staff Nurse	Dexter Community Hospital Dexter, Missouri
5/92 - 2/93	Staff Nurse	All Saint's Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
3/93 - 4/93	Unemployed	
5/93 - 10/93	Staff Nurse	Abilene Regional Hospital Abilene, Texas
11/93 - 5/94	Unemployed	
6/94 - 4/95	Branch Manager	Outreach Home Health Sweetwater, Texas
5/95	Unemployed	
6/95 - 1/96	Home Health Nurse	Concepts of Care Abilene, Texas
1/96 - 2/96	Staff Nurse	JPS Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
2/96 - 6/96	Home Health Nurse	Home Health of Tarrant County Fort Worth, Texas
6/96 - 7/98	Nursing Supervisor	Concepts of Care Arlington, Texas
7/98 - 9/98	Home Health Nurse	Horizon Home Health Arlington, Texas
9/98 - 3/99	Staff Nurse	Arlington Memorial Hospital Arlington, Texas
3/99 - 10/99	Staff Nurse	Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
11/99 - 12/99	Unemployed	

Respondent's vocational and professional nursing employment history continued:

1/00 - unknown	Nursing Supervisor/ Case Manager	Concepts of Care Arlington, Texas
Present	Unknown	

6. On October 11, 2001, Respondent was issued the sanction of a Warning with Stipulations by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the October 11, 2001, Agreed Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
7. [Redacted by request of Respondent.]
8. Health Status Report, dated June 16, 2006, received from Florence Ouseph, MD, indicates Respondent does not currently pose, or potentially pose, a direct threat to the health and safety of patients/clients.
9. The Respondent's conduct described in the preceding Finding of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
10. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.455, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(12), Texas Occupations Code.

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 93148, and Professional Nurse License Number 538078, heretofore issued to JODELL RUTH COOK, including revocation of Respondent's vocational and professional licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT, in lieu of the sanction of Revocation under Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to and be accepted into the TPAPN, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) payable to TPAPN.

(2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN contract to the Board of Nurse Examiners.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN contract during its term.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Board of Nurse Examiners of any violation of the TPAPN contract.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§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 Respondent's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice vocational and professional nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's licenses are encumbered by this Order, Respondent 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 Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including revocation of Respondent's licenses and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice vocational and professional 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 alleged herein. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions One (1) through Four (4) of this Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners, 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 licenses to practice vocational and professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 17th day of June, 2007.

Joell Ruth Cook
JODELL RUTH COOK, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of June, 2007.

SEAL

Saira Khan
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, does hereby accept and enter the Agreed Order that was signed on the 5th day of June, 2007, by JODELL RUTH COOK, Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, and Registered Nurse License Number 538078, and said Order is final.

Entered and effective this 21st day of June, 2007.



Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of License Number 538078 § AGREED
issued to JODELL RUTH COOK § ORDER

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JODELL RUTH COOK, License Number 538078, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on April 4, 2001, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, 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.
2. Respondent waived informal conference, 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 a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, in August 1984. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas in March 1987.
5. Respondent's professional employment history includes:

August 1984- September 1984

Staff Nurse
Telemetry Unit
Research Hospital
Kansas City, Missouri

Respondent's professional employment history continued:

October 1984- December 1985	Staff Nurse Surgical Trauma Unit Kansas University Medical Center Kansas City, Kansas
December 1985- March 1986	Staff Nurse Intensive Care Unit North Kansas City Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
March 1986- May 1986	Staff Nurse Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Kansas City Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
May 1986- December 1986	Agency Staff Nurse American Nurses Resource Kansas City, Missouri
January 1987- March 1987	Unemployed
April 1987- October 1987	Staff Nurse Post Partum Unit Odessa Medical Center Odessa, Texas
October 1987- May 1989	Staff Nurse Intensive Care Unit Doctor's Regional Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
February 1989- May 1989	Staff Nurse Recovery Room Lucy Lee Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
June 1989- September 1989	Staff Nurse Recovery Room Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Texas

Respondent's professional employment history continued:

September 1989- September 1990	Staff Nurse/ PRN Intensive Care Unit Doctor's Regional Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
October 1989-June 1990	Director of Nursing Beverly Nursing Center Dexter, Missouri
September 1990-January 1991	Staff Nurse/ PRN Intensive Care Unit Delta Regional Hospital Sikeston, Missouri
January 1991- May 1992	Staff Nurse Intensive Care Unit/ Emergency Room and Evening Shift Supervisor Dexter Community Hospital Dexter, Missouri
May 1992- February 1993	Staff Nurse Telemetry Unit All Saint's Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
March 1993- April 1993	Unemployed
May 1993- October 1993	Staff Nurse Emergency Room Abilene Regional Hospital Abilene, Texas
November 1993- May 1994	Unemployed
June 1994- April 1995	Home Health Nurse/ Branch Manager Outreach Home Health Sweet Water, Texas
May 1995	Unemployed

Respondent's professional employment history continued:

June 1995-January 1996	Home Health Nurse Concepts of Care Abilene, Texas
January 1996- February 1996	Staff Nurse Nurse's Hotline JPS Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
February 1996- June 1996	Home Health Nurse Home Health of Tarrant County Fort Worth, Texas
June 1996- July 1998	Nursing Supervisor Home Health Concepts of Care Arlington, Texas
July 1998- September 1998	Home Health Nurse Horizon Home Health Arlington, Texas
September 1998- March 1999	Staff Nurse Medical Unit Arlington Memorial Hospital Arlington, Texas
March 1999- October 1999	Staff Nurse Medical Unit Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
November 1999- December 1999	Unemployed
January 2000- Present	Nursing Supervisor/ Case Manager Concepts of Care Arlington, Texas

6. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact number seven, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse in the Medical-Surgical Unit with Harris Methodist, Fort Worth, Texas, and had been in this position for five (5) months. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact number eight, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse in the Medical-Surgical Unit with Harris Methodist, Fort Worth, Texas, and had been in this position for one (1) month. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact number nine, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse in the Medical-Surgical Unit with Harris Methodist, Fort Worth, Texas, and had been in this position for six (6) months.
7. On or about August 25, 1999, while employed with Harris Methodist Fort Worth, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent inadvertently administered Clonidine (an anti-hypertensive) two tenths milligram (.2mg) to Medical Record # 903488644T002, a patient who was admitted for the treatment of Crohn's disease. The physician ordered Klonopin (a benzodiazepine) two (2) milligrams (mg) to be given to the patient. Respondent's action of administering the Clonidine unnecessarily exposed the patient to the risk of adverse effects from the medication, including hypotension, bradycardia, and dizziness.
8. During April 1999, while employed with Harris Methodist Fort Worth, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent failed to administer morphine sulfate for the Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA) pump for Medical Record # 462148524015, as ordered by the physician. Respondent signed out Demerol for the Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA) pump and administered the medication over a three (3) hour period to the aforementioned patient. Respondent's action of administering the Demerol unnecessarily exposed the patient to the risk of harm from adverse effects of the medication, including sedation and hypotension.
9. On or about September 29, 1999, while employed with Harris Methodist Fort Worth, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent failed to administer albumin intravenously (IV) as ordered by the physician to Medical Record # 1022822, a patient who was admitted for a left septic knee and left thigh wound infection. The patient had a decreased serum albumin level. Respondent's failure to administer albumin unnecessarily exposed the patient to a delay in healing.

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 violations of Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(3).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against License Number 538078, heretofore issued to JODELL RUTH COOK, including revocation of Respondent's professional license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a Warning with Stipulations, and RESPONDENT 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 Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license is encumbered by this Order, Respondent 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 Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-size license issued to JODELL RUTH COOK, to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of the date of this Order for appropriate notation.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing jurisprudence. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience must include registered nurses. It must be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, and documentation of care. 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 is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in medication administration. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The target audience must include registered nurses. The didactic portion of this course must be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course must contain a minimum twenty-four (24) hour clinical component which is to be supervised by another registered nurse. To be approved, the course's content must include a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes, computation of drug dosages, the five (5) rights of medication administration, factors influencing the choice of route, and adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The description must indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course to satisfy this stipulation. RESPONDENT

SHALL CAUSE the instructor 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 is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT CHOOSE TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING, UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT:

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in professional nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a copy of this Order to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in professional nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a copy of this Order to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in professional nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided 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 to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a professional nurse.

(6) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT's capability to practice professional nursing.

These reports shall be completed by the Registered Nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT.
These reports shall be submitted to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) months for one (1) year of employment as a professional nurse.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT 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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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

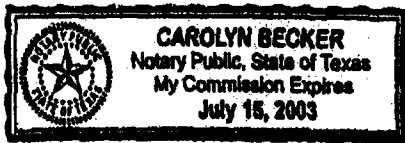
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Signed this 4 day of September, 2001.

Jodell Ruth Cook Jodell Ruth Cook
JODELL RUTH COOK, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of September, 2001.

SEAL



Carolyn Becker
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

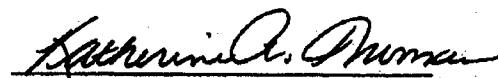
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Paula Shiroma-Bender
Paula Shiroma-Bender, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 10th day of September, 2001.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 4th day of September, 20 , by JODELL RUTH COOK, License Number 538078, and said Order is final.

Effective this 11th day of October, 2001.



Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board