BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 13634, issued to DORIS JEAN MORRIS, a/k/a, DORIS HAWKINN MORRIS, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocatonal nursing in the State of Texas.
- 2. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from All Saints Episopal Vocational School of Nursing, Fort Worth, Texas, on September 10, 1952. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on January 24, 1953.
- 4. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown.
- 5. On or about July 5, 2004, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document for Licensed Vocational Nurses to the Board of Nurse Examiners in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Were you convicted of a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation since your last renewal?"

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about August 22, 2002, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense, committed on March 6, 2002, in the County Criminal Number Nine,

Tarrant County, Texas, under Case No. 0837788. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement for a period of ninety (90) days; however, the imposition of confinement was suspended and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

- 6. On October 17, 2013, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated October 15, 2013, is attached and incorporated herein, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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 \$239.11(8)(eff. 2/1/2004 through 9/27/2004).
- 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 13634, heretofore issued to DORIS JEAN MORRIS, 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, 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 TAC§§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 13634, heretofore issued to DORIS JEAN MORRIS, a/k/a, DORIS HAWKINN MORRIS to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of 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 of 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.
- 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.

Effective this day 17th of October, 2013.

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By:

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

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RE:

Doris Jean Morris 1400 Old Sivells Bend Road #114 Gainesville, Texas 76240 VNL# 13634

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that Doris Jean Morris is no longer able to practice her profession as an LVN. She does not desire to maintain her license in any capacity. Please do not send her further notices or requests concerning her license.

Sincerely,