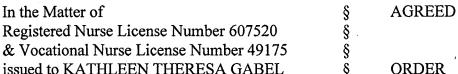
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING





Executive Director of the Board On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of KATHLEEN THERESA GABEL, Registered Nurse License Number 607520, and Vocational Nurse License Number 49175, 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 April 2, 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. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is delinquent.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Houston Vocational Nursing Program, Houston, Texas on May 31, 1971. Respondent was licensed to practice Vocational nursing in the State of Texas on July 22, 1971. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Womans University, Denton, Texas on May 1, 1994. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 15, 1994.

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- 5. Respondent's complete vocational and professional nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On December 1, 1976, Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing was Revoked by the Texas Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of the Board dated December 1, 1976, is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
- 7. On May 9, 1993, Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas was placed on Probation by the Texas Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of the Board dated May 9, 1993, is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
- 8. On March 4, 2010, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and July 11, 2013. Agreed Order is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 9. On or about February 14, 2014, through February 15, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston-Harris County Psychiatric Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent falsely documented the administration of Ativan to Patient Medical Record Numbers 90326, 90297, and 89822. Furthermore, none of the patients exhibited behavior that would warrant the administration of Ativan, and all denied receiving the medication. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patients which could result in an overdose. Furthermore, Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).
- 10. On or about February 14, 2014, through February 15, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston-Harris County Psychiatric Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent withdrew Ativan from the Medication Dispensing System for patients, but failed to document or accurately document the administration of the medication in the patients' Medication Administration Records and/or Nurse's Notes. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patients which could result in an overdose. Furthermore, Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).
- 11. On or about February 14, 2014, through February 15, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston-Harris County Psychiatric Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Ativan belonging to the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take the precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of medications, and is a violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).

- 12. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Nine (9) through Ten (10), Respondent states: "Since my relapse on February 14, 2014, I have attended and have AA meetings daily, completed a chemical dependency assessment with a counselor and started counseling. I placed myself on random drug screens through Recovery Trek a few months ago. I am very close to my new sponsor, calling nightly and meeting with her face to face Tuesdays and Thursdays at the AA meetings and step work on Saturdays after the meetings."
- 13. Respondent states February 15, 2014 as her date of sobriety.
- 14. 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 § 217.11(1)(A)&(1)(D). and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(C),(4),(6)(G),(8),(10)(E)&(11)(B).
- 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 607520, and Vocational Nurse License Number 49175, heretofore issued to KATHLEEN THERESA GABEL, 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 607520, and Vocational Nurse License Number 49175, previously issued to KATHLEEN THERESA GABEL, to practice nursing in Texas is/are hereby SUSPENDED and said suspension is ENFORCED until Respondent completes a treatment program approved by the Board, provides documentation of successful completion, and

has obtained twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety. Any relapse prior to the completion of the twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety will result in an extension of the enforced suspension until such twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety and additional treatment have been attained.

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 approved treatment and twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety as set out in this Order, the Suspension will be STAYED, and RESPONDENT will be placed on PROBATION for three (3) years with the following agreed terms of probation:

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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.
 - (3) 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: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry 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:* http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.

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- (5) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of the suspension being stayed. 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 PROBATION CONDITIONS FOR THREE (3) YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH THIRTY-SIX (36) 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:
- (6) RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the probation conditions 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.
- (7) 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.

- (8) For the first year of employment as a nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly 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. Direct supervision requires another nurse to be working on the same unit as RESPONDENT and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. RESPONDENT SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). The 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.
- (9) For the remainder of the probation period, 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.
- (10) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a nurse on the night shift, rotate shifts, work overtime, accept on-call assignments, or be used for coverage on any unit other than the

identified, predetermined unit(s) to which Respondent is regularly assigned for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

- (11) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a nurse in any critical care area for one (1) year of employment as a nurse. Critical care areas include, but are not limited to, intensive care units, emergency rooms, operating rooms, telemetry units, recovery rooms, and labor and delivery units.
- (12) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT administer or have any contact with controlled substances, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.
- (13) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) months for three (3) years of employment as a nurse.
- (14) RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed, RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the licensed practitioner to submit a written report identifying the medication, dosage and the date the medication was prescribed. The report shall be submitted directly to the office of the Board by the prescribing practitioner, within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription. In the event that prescriptions for controlled substances are required for periods of two (2) weeks or longer, the Board may require and RESPONDENT SHALL submit to an evaluation by a Board approved physician specializing in Pain Management or Psychiatry.

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The performing evaluator will submit a written report to the Board's office, including results of the evaluation, clinical indications for the prescriptions, and recommendations for on-going treatment within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol. For the first three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per week. For the next three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month. For the next six (6) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per month. For the remainder of the probation period, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) months. All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Screens obtained through urinalysis are the sole method accepted by the Board.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances and their metabolites:

Amphetamines Meperidine
Barbiturates Methadone
Benzodiazepines Methaqualone
Cannabinoids Opiates
Cocaine Phencyclidine

tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)

Ethanol

A Board representative may appear at the RESPONDENT'S place of employment at any time during the probation period and require RESPONDENT to produce a specimen for screening.

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All screens shall be properly monitored and produced in accordance with the Board's policy on Random Drug Testing. A complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each specimen obtained and analyzed. RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the probation period.

Any positive result for which the nurse does not have a valid prescription or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen may subject the nurse to further disciplinary action, including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas. Further, failure to report for a drug screen, excessive dilute specimens, or failure to call in for a drug screen may be considered the same as a positive result or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen.

(16) RESPONDENT SHALL attend at least two (2) support group meetings each week, one of which must be for substance abuse and provided by Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, or another comparable recovery program that has been pre-approved by the Board. RESPONDENT SHALL provide acceptable evidence of attendance. Acceptable evidence shall consist of a written record of at least: the date of each meeting; the name of each group attended; and the signature and printed name of the chairperson of each group attended by RESPONDENT. RESPONDENT SHALL submit the required evidence on the forms provided by the Board at the end of every three (3) months. No duplications, copies, third party signatures, or any other substitutions will be accepted as evidence.

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, 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.

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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.

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KATHLEEN THERESA GABEL, Respondent

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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 5th day of May, 2014, by KATHLEEN THERESA GABEL, Registered Nurse License Number 607520, and Vocational Nurse License Number 49175, and said Order is final.



Effective this 10th day of June, 2014.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

I certify this to be a true copy of the records on file with the Texas Board of, Nursing

Signed:

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 607520 & Vocational Nurse License Number 49175 issued to KATHLEEN THERESA (HALL) GABEL

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ORDER

Executive Director of the Board

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of KATHLEEN THERESA (HALL) GABEL, Registered Nurse License Number 607520, and Vocational Nurse License Number 49175, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on January 27, 2010, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these 1. 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 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 and holds a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, which is in delinquent status.
- Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from the Houston Vocational 4. Nursing Program, Houston, Texas, on May 31, 1971. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on July 22, 1971. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas, on May 1, 1994. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on

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- On December 1, 1976, Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing was Revoked by the Texas Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of the Board dated December 1, 1976, is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
- 6. On May 9, 1993, Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas was placed on Probation by the Texas Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of the Board dated May 9, 1993, is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
- 7. Respondent's complete vocational and professional nursing employment history is unknown.
- 8. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Cornerstone hospital of Houston, Houston, Texas.
- 9. On or about August 14, 2009, while employed with Cornerstone Hospitals of Houston, Houston, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Morphine belonging to the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Possession of Morphine, without a valid prescription, is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of medications.
- 10. On or about August 15, 2009, while employed with Cornerstone Hospitals of Houston, Houston, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing, in that she admitted that she "had fallen off the wagon again" and that the narcotic medications "call out to you" and "call your name". Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgements, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
- 11. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Nine (9) and Ten (10), Respondent states: "In August 10, 2009, I did take drugs out of the Pyxis for a patient, administered their dose, and used the remainder for myself. I placed myself in TPAPN on August 10, 2009 and resigned as of August 11, 2009, from Cornerstone Hospital. I immediately began attending twice daily NA meetings, working with my sponsor, calling her daily and seeing her at meetings, I have completed steps 1-2-3. I am presently attending the Right Step Program Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, plus individual counseling. I am on random urine screens and in compliance with TPAPN."
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.
- 14. Respondent's conduct described in Findings of Fact Numbers Nine (9) and Ten (10) was significantly influenced by Respondent's impairment by dependency on chemicals.
- 15. 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)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(E),(4),(5),(6)(G),(8),(10) (A),(E)&(11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 607520 and Vocational Nurse License Number 49175, heretofore issued to KATHLEEN THERESA (HALL) GABEL, including revocation of Respondent's license 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):

RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-sized license issued to KATHLEEN THERESA (HALL) GABEL, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days from

the date of ratification of this Order.

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to TPAPN and SHALL, within ninety (90) days following the date of entry of this final Order, sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payable to TPAPN.
- (2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Texas Board of Nursing.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep her license to practice nursing in the State of Texas current.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§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 this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice 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 Texas Board of Nursing 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 EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or revocation of Respondent's license and multistate licensure 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 violations 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 Texas Board of Nursing, 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 to practice professional and vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept and enter the Agreed Order that was signed on the 24th day of February, 2010, by KATHLEEN THERESA (HALL) GABEL, Professional Nurse License Number 607520 and Vocational Nurse License Number 49175, and said Order is final.



Entered and effective this 4th day of March, 2010.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

NOW COMES the undersigned members of the Texas Board of	ne serve
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of December, , 1976, who, having he	ard
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Kathleen Gabel Hall	
have determined that the charges are true and correct,	and
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STATE OF TEXAS BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSE EXAMINERS

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"AGREED" BOARD" ORDER

On this day came to be considered by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, the matter of vocational invise license number 049175, proviously indicuty RATHELN vs. HAME, EXC KATHLEEN GAREL-HALL, hereinafterscalled Applicants

Applicant has submitted a written request for dreinstatement of said previously held license. By Crder w dated May 21% 1986 Ethe Board For Vocational Nurse Examiners & found that Applicant had violated the Vocational Nurse Act Morja rule regulation or Order dissued funder (the Vocational Nurse Act, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated Article (4528c)

A prehearing conference was held on rebruary 8 21993 at the office of the Board A) of f Vocational Nurse to Examiners - The conference was a conducted by Marsorie A Bronk R.N. Executive Director of the Board Bassisted by Doris Parker member of the Board of Vocational Nursel Examiners & Applicant was present and was not represented by counsel?

conference was attended by Patricia, Cook, Investigator for the Board, Sand Leach, Assistant Attorney General. By her notarized signature on this Order, Applicant does hereby waive the right to Norted of Normal Hearing and AGREED BOARD ORDER

RE: KATHLEEN T HALL, aka KATHLEEN GABEL-HALL

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a Formal Hearing on the Application for Reinstatement before (in Board) and to judicial review of this disciplinary action after (this Order is endorsed by the Board.

After reviewing the matters relative to the Application for Reinstatement at the prehearing conference, Applicant agrees to the entry of an Order dispensing with the need for further action on this application. By Applicant's signature on this Corder, Applicant acknowledges that she has road and understood this order and has approved it for consideration by the Board. Notice of this disciplinary action will appear in the Board's newsletter sent to Texas Employers.

ORDER OF THE BOARD

THEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Boardsof, Vocational Nurse Examiners does hereby order that license number (049175), previously lissued to KATHLEN TI, HALL, aka KATHLEEN GABEL-HALL be reinstated, suspended, with said suspension stayed and placed on probation for a period of one (1) year.

The probation of said license is subject to the following stipulations to wit:

- 1. That by copy of this Board Order Applicant shall provide notice of Board disciplinary action to her nursing employer(s) ethroughout the termiof probation.
- 2. That Applicant shall cause her nursing employer(s) to submit satisfactory reports to the Board office on a quarterly basis throughout the term of probation.
- 3 That Applicant shall work voily under the direct supervision of a fitcensed medical professional throughout the term of probation
- 4. That Applicant shall not be employed by a nurse fregistry/temporary nurse agency or as a private duty nurse throughout the term of probation.
- 5. (That Applicant shall submit to random periodic blood alcohol and urano drug screen(s) upon demand of the Board staff throughout the term of probation. Sand screens shall be properly montored with adherence to charn of custody procedures. The results of said screen; shall be submitted to the Board officer by the laboratory. Therexpense of this percent, shall be before by Applicant.

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- SELECTION OF THE SELECT 6. That any period(s) of unemployment must the documented in writing Applicant and submitted directly to the Board office on avguarterly basi throughout the term of probation.
- 7. That if Applicant's place of employment, name, address or telephone number changes, Applicant is to notify the Board office immediately.
- 8. That it is also ordered that KATHLEEN T. HADD, ake KATHLEEN GABEL-HADD, Ohth comply with all the provisions of Article 45280, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.

 This Agreed Order shall not be effective or take offect and become enforceable

in accordance with its terms until endorsed by a majority of the Board present and voting, at its next regularly called session.

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T. HALL aka KATHLEEN GABEL-HALL who being duly sworn by me, stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained, and that he or she understood same.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this the . . . day of

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR

THE STATE OF TEXAS

My Commission Expires