

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 787067 issued to STACY YOES

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ORDER

An investigation by the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, produced evidence indicating that STACY YOES, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, Registered Nurse License Number 787067, may be subject to discipline pursuant to Sections 301.452(b)(10)&(13) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.

An informal conference was held on April 22, 2014, at the office of the Texas Board of Nursing, in accordance with Section 301.464 of the Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent appeared in person. Respondent was represented by Nancy Roper Willson, Attorney at Law. In attendance were; Kristin Benton, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing, Executive Director's Designee; John F. Legris, Assistant General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ, Director, Enforcement Division; Skylar Caddell, RN-BC, Nurse Investigator Specialist; Kimberly Chavez, Investigator; and Molly Omelchuck, RN, Investigator.

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 notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Associate Degree in Nursing from Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas on May 6, 2010. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 24, 2010.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

8/2010 - 10/2011	RN	East Texas Medical Center Tyler, Texas
11/2011 - 11/2012	RN	Cozby Germany Hospital Grand Saline, Texas
11/2012 - 8/2013	RN	Texas Health Regional Hospital Rockwall, Texas
8/2012 - Present	Unemployed	

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a RN with Texas Health Regional Hospital, Rockwall, Texas, and had been in this position for nine (9) months.
- 7. On or about July 18, 2013 while working as a RN with Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, Rockwall, Texas, Respondent failed to reassess and/or document the reassessment of Patient Medical Record Number 60049500 who had become agitated and delusional, and who had not had a documented assessment in eight hours, prior to the administration of Haldol. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient to a risk of harm in that it deprived care givers of vital information on which to base further nursing
- 8. On or about July 18, 2013 while working as a RN with Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, Rockwall, Texas, Respondent failed to consult medication information resources prior to the intravenous push (IVP) administration of Haldol five (5) milligrams to Patient Medical Record Number 60049500. Instead of verifying the appropriateness of the order, she administered the medication via intravenous route without electrocardiogram monitoring to a geriatric patient with dementia. Consequently, within forty-five (45) minutes of the second administration of Haldol five (5) milligrams IVP, the patient was found unresponsive, was coded, and expired. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient to a risk of injury in that the medication would be administered without adequate information of contraindicated uses or nursing related considerations.
- 9. In response to the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states that the patient had a diagnosis of urinary tract infection and altered mental status. The patient became progressively more agitated and delusional as time passed. Respondent states she called the physician who ordered five (5) milligrams of Haldol IV now, and if the patient hadn't calmed in forty five (45) minutes, then give another dose of Haldol five (5) milligrams IV. Respondent states she read back the order. Respondent states she asked the charge nurse how slow to push Haldol as she had never given it before and that she had concerns about giving the drug. The charge nurse said to push it over two minutes and said it was "fine to give Haldol IV." Respondent states the patient continued to be

agitated and she waited close to one (1) hour to give the second dose of Haldol IV. Respondent states she pushed the medication slowly and waited in the patients room for about five (5) minutes. Respondent states she was in another patient's room when she heard a dinging in the hallway and noticed the crash cart being pushed into the patient's room. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation had been initiated on the patient which continued until calling time of death at 6:03 a.m.

- 10. On or about March 27, 2014, Respondent successfully completed a Board approved course in Texas Nursing Jurisprudence and Ethics, which would have been a requirement of this order.
- 11. On or about March 29, 2014, Respondent successfully completed a Board approved course in Nursing Documentation, which would have been a requirement of this order.
- 12. On or about April 8, 2014, Respondent successfully completed a Board approved course in Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills, which would have been a requirement of this order.

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(s) of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(D),(1)(M),(1)(N),(1)(P) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)&(4).
- 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 787067, heretofore issued to STACY YOES, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas

Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REPRIMAND WITH

STIPULATIONS, 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 medication administration. 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. The didactic portion of this course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course shall contain a minimum twenty-four (24) hour clinical component which is to be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. In order for the course to be approved, the course's content shall include: a review of proper

administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the six (6) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The course description shall 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 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/compliance.

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 A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR TWO (2) YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWENTY-FOUR (24) 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:

- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) For the first year of employment as a nurse under the terms of this Order, 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.

- (5) For the remainder of the stipulation period, RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to immediately submit any and all incident, counseling, variance, unusual occurrence, and medication or other error reports involving RESPONDENT, as well as documentation of any internal investigations regarding action by RESPONDENT, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office.
- (6) 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) month period for two (2) year(s) of employment as a nurse.

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 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.

 WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>12th</u> day of <u>June</u>, 20 14, by STACY YOES, Registered Nurse License Number 787067, and said Order is final.

Effective this <u>17th</u> day of <u>July</u>, 20 14

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf of said Board

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