### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



Executive Director of the Board

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In the Matter of

§ AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 785947

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issued to BETHANY CLARE CALLAWAY

§ ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Bo considered the matter of BETHANY CLARE CALLAWAY, Registered Nurse License Number 785947, 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) 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 June 3, 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.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas, on May 14, 2010. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 17, 2010.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

6/2010-Present

Registered Nurse

Hansford County Hospital District

Spearman, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Hansford County Hospital District, Spearman, Texas, and had been in this position for two (2) years.
- 7. On or about June 20, 2012, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Hansford County Hospital District, Spearman, Texas, Respondent administered Restoril to Patient O.W. when Flexeril was ordered. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to risk of harm from ineffective treatment which could result in a delay in the patient's recovery.
- 8. On or about June 20, 2012, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Hansford County Hospital District, Spearman, Texas, Respondent administered Diazepam to Patient R.A. when Morphine was ordered. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to risk of harm from ineffective treatment which could result in a delay in the patient's recovery.
- 9. On or about June 23, 2012, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Hansford County Hospital District, Spearman, Texas, Respondent incorrectly entered an order for Patient D.D. into the patient's medical record. Respondent entered Clonidine 0.1 mg by mouth three (3) times a day as needed when the order should have been Clonidine 0.1 mg by mouth three (3) times for Systolic Blood Pressure (SBP) greater than (>) 160. Consequently, the patient did not received Clonidine twice when the SBP was recorded as >160. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to risk of harm from ineffective treatment which could result in a delay in the patient's recovery.
- 10. On or about August 2, 2012, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Hansford County Hospital District, Spearman, Texas, Respondent administered one (1) tab of Vesicare to Patient C.G. when the order was for two (2) tabs of Vesicare. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to risk of harm from ineffective treatment which could result in a delay in the patient's recovery.
- 11. On or about August 17, 2012, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Hansford County Hospital District, Spearman, Texas, Respondent failed to administer antibiotics as ordered for Patient N.W. while the patient was in the emergency department. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to risk of harm from ineffective treatment which could result in a delay in the patient's recovery.
- 12. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through Eleven (11), Respondent states she pulled the patient's hydrocodone for the patient's complaints of pain but when she went to administer the medication the patient stated she was having muscle spasms more than pain and so Respondent offered to get her Flexeril instead of the hydrocodone but when she pulled the medication she pulled the Restoril instead of the Flexeril. Because the patient had a PRN order for the Restoril the system didn't alert her to the error and she administered the Restoril. Regarding the Diazepam, she failed to double check the label and subsequently administered 0.2 ml (1mg) Diazepam to the patient. Respondent states she thought Morphine was the only medication that was in carpuject form and that the Diazepam and Morphine had the same color lid and label. Respondent states the physician ordered

Clonidine 0.1mg PO TID for SBP>160. When she entered the order into the computer she entered it as TID PRN because PRN means "in the situation of" and the physician had written a specific situation for the medication to be given and she thought this was appropriate. Respondent states she had to stock the medication cart before administering medications and this made her start an hour later than she should and so in her hurry to get the medications passed she missed one of the Vesicare tablets. Regarding the antibiotic, Respondent states she reported to the charge nurse that she had only given the patient's pain medication when the charge nurse told her the patient was leaving Against Medical Advice (AMA) and that she had refused the Intravenous (IV) antibiotic treatment. Respondent states she failed to verify that the patient had verbally refused the medication and refused to remain in the Emergency Room (ER) for therapy.

## **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  $\S217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)\&(1)(M)$ . and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE  $\S217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4),(6)(A)\&(10)(B)$ .
- 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 785947, heretofore issued to BETHANY CLARE CALLAWAY, 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 WARNING 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 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/compliance.

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(2) 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 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. 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.

(3) 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: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance">http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</a>.

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.

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- (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.
- (7) 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 one (1) year(s) of employment as a nurse.

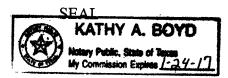
IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

# 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 2	day of\	, 2014.
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of July, 20/4.



Notary Public in and for the State of <u>Texas</u>

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2014, by BETHANY CLARE CALLAWAY, Registered Nurse License Number 785947, and said Order is final.

Effective this 19th day of August, 2014.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board