## BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of § AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 79537 §

issued to JULIANA WADE § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JULIANA WADE, Vocational Nurse License Number 79537, 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, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on May 28, 2014.

### **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, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Huntsville Memorial Hospital Huntsville, Texas, on September 1, 1978. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 28, 1978.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

11/1978 - 5/1980 Staff Nurse Huntsville Memorial Hospital

Huntsville, Texas

I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.

\*\*Executive Director of the Board\*\*

\*\*Executive Director of the Board\*\*

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

5/1980 - 10/1981	Staff Nurse	Holy Cross Hospital Austin, Texas
11/1981 - 5/1982	Staff Nurse	Scott and White Hospital Temple, Texas
5/1982 - 3/1984	Staff Nurse	Hays Memorial Hospital San Marcos, Texas
4/1984 - 1/1991	Staff Nurse	Brackenridge Hospital Austin, Texas
1/1991 - 12/2003	Staff Nurse	Family Health Center Austin, Texas
1/2004 - 10/2005	Agency Nurse	Staff Search Austin, Texas
10/2005 - 9/2013	Staff Nurse	CommUnity Care Austin, Texas
10/2013 - Present	Unknown	

- 6. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with CommUnity Care, Austin, Texas, and had been in that position for seven (7) years and six (6) months.
- 7. On or about April 30, 2013, while employed as a Staff Nurse with CommUnity Care, Austin, Texas, Respondent mislabeled the PAP specimens of two (2) different patients, which resulted in the testing of both specimens not being completed. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure patients from delayed diagnosis and treatment of possible disease processes.
- 8. On or about May 20, 2013, while employed as a Staff Nurse with CommUnity Care, Austin, Texas, Respondent provided Patient Number 6080518 with an Ortho Evra patch instead of Nuvaring, as ordered, and provided no educational materials or information to the patient. The next month, when the patient returned to the clinic, Respondent did not document the visit or any information about how long the patient had been using the incorrect medication. Respondent's conduct resulted in an incomplete medical record and was likely to injure the patient from medication administered without the benefit of a physician's expertise.
- 9. On or about June 27, 2013, while employed as a Staff Nurse with CommUnity Care, Austin, Texas, Respondent inappropriately removed the needle cap from a syringe with her mouth prior to administering an injection of Hepatitis B vaccine to Patient Number 3004996.

- Further, Respondent did not perform hand hygiene before or after the injection was administered. Respondent's conduct unnecessarily exposed the patient to risk of infection.
- On or about August 13, 2013, while employed as a Staff Nurse with CommUnity Care, Austin, Texas, Respondent administered Tdap vaccine to Patient Number 6126056, a 17 month old child, that expired the day before and failed to keep the patient in the clinic for observation and provide the patient's parent with a list of possible side effects. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient from adverse reactions, including possibly severe allergic responses, that might not have been treated because the parent would not have known to recognize and report them.
- On or about August 23, 2013, while employed as a Staff Nurse with CommUnity Care, Austin, Texas, Respondent documented in error a phone call received from Patient Number 6038604 stating that his Lisinopril was making him sick in the wrong medical record. Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate medical records and was likely to injure patients in that subsequent care givers would not have reliable information on which to base their care decisions.
- 12. In response to the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Eight (8) through Eleven (11), Respondent states that, regarding the Ortho Evra patch, she misread the order and noticed the mistake a few days later when the patient called back and asked about the "Cx ring."In regards to expired vaccine, Respondent states that she documented the expiration date in the medical record until after the patient left. Regarding having documented in the wrong medical record, Respondent states that she clicked on the wrong patient while attempting to schedule the patient for a clinic visit. Respondent concludes by stating that her misjudgements were due to chronic under-staffing and repetitive training of the new staff, not due to poor nursing judgement. Respondent stated, "However, due to the above mentioned staffing issues, I was spread too thin and made the mistakes, for which I have suffered severe anxiety and distress."

### **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)(B),(1)(C),(1)(D),(1)(O)&(2)(Å) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 79537, heretofore—issued to JULIANA WADE, 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 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 <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: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance">http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</a>.

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

(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.
- (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.

BALANCE OF THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK.

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.

# 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 when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, 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 28 day of July, 2014.
	JULIANA WADE, Respondent
	$\mathcal{V}$
Sworn to and subscribed before me	e this <u>28</u> day of July , 2014.
SEAL	Proce Surry
	Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Robin Surrey
Commission Expres
07-29-15

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing do
hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 28th day of July
, 2014, by JULIANA WADE, Vocational Nurse License Number 79537, and said Order is fina
Effective this 19th day of August, 2014.
Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN Executive Director on behalf of said Board