

IN THE MATTER OF  
PERMANENT VOCATIONAL NURSE  
LICENSE NUMBER 143182  
ISSUED TO  
AMY LARUE COX

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BEFORE THE TEXAS  
BOARD OF NURSING  
ELIGIBILITY AND  
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



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.  
*Patricia A. Plummer*  
Executive Director of the Board

**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO: AMY LARUE COX  
1520 NW COUNTY ROAD 0160  
RICE, TX 75155

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on **September 9, 2014**, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by

reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 143182, previously issued to AMY LARUE COX, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 9th day of September, 2014.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



BY:

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KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charge filed February 11, 2014.

Re: Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 143182  
Issued to AMY LARUE COX  
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

AMY LARUE COX  
1520 NW COUNTY ROAD 0160  
RICE, TX 75155

BY:



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KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of § BEFORE THE TEXAS  
Permanent Vocational Nurse §  
License Number 143182 §  
Issued to AMY LARUE COX, § BOARD OF NURSING  
Respondent §

### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, AMY LARUE COX, is a Vocational Nurse holding License Number 143182, which is in current status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

#### CHARGE I.

On or about June 3, 2012, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on April 19, 2012, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Four (4) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order....

A copy of the April 19, 2012, Agreed Order, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this pleading.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) &(10), Texas Occupation Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (11)(B).

#### CHARGE II.

On or about April 20, 2013, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on April 19, 2012, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Two (2) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one year (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics....

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) &(10), Texas Occupation Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (11)(B).

**CHARGE III.**

On or about April 20, 2013, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on April 19, 2012, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Three (3) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one year (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills"....

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) &(10), Texas Occupation Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (11)(B).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at [www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html](http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html).

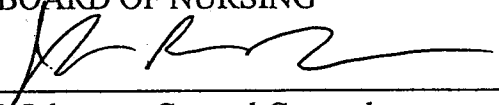
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NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order(s) which is/are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Agreed Order dated April 19, 2012.

Filed this 11 day of February, 2014.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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Attachments: Order of the Board dated April 19, 2012

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse           §  
License Number 143182                       §     AGREED  
issued to AMY LARUE COX                   §     ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of AMY LARUE COX, Vocational Nurse License Number 143182, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code and Section 302.402(a)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on January 13, 2012, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, 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 informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Indian Meridian Area Vocational Technical School, Stillwater, Oklahoma, on July 1, 1991. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 15, 1993.

5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

8/1991 - 8/1993	LVN	Perry Memorial Hospital Perry, Oklahoma
9/1993 - 7/2006	Unknown	
8/2006 - 8/2009	LVN	Vail Construction Mesquite, Texas
9/2009 - 11/2009	LVN	Angels of Care Pediatric Home Health Sherman, Texas
12/2009 - Present	Unknown	

6. On September 13, 1999, Respondent was issued an Agreed Board Order by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the Order of the Board dated September 13, 1999 is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
7. On or about December 7, 2000, Respondent plead guilty to the offense of "Possession of a Controlled Substance by Fraud," a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Felony (committed on June 7, 2000) in the 211<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Denton County, Texas, under cause number F-2000-1037-C. Adjudication of guilt was deferred and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of seven (7) years, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
8. On or about December 7, 2000, Respondent plead guilty to the offense of "Possession of a Controlled Substance by Fraud," a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Felony (committed on June 21, 2000) in the 211<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Denton County, Texas, under cause number F-2000-1036-C. Adjudication of guilt was deferred and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of seven (7) years, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
9. On or about December 7, 2000, Respondent plead guilty to the offense of "Possession of a Controlled Substance by Fraud," a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Felony (committed on June 22, 2000) in the 211<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Denton County, Texas, under cause number F-2000-1035-C. Adjudication of guilt was deferred and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of seven (7) years, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
10. On or about November 7, 2009, while employed with Angels of Care Pediatric Home Health, Sherman, Texas, and on assignment in the home of Patient Medical Record Number 1920755, Respondent lacked fitness to practice vocational nursing in that she was observed exhibiting slurred speech, blood shot eyes, difficulty standing, confusion, and unsteady gait. 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, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

11. 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.
12. Formal Charges were filed on July 26, 2011.
13. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on July 29, 2011.

#### 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 of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(1)(E),(4)&(5).
4. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violations of Section 302.402(a)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §239.11(5),(6)&(28).
5. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational License Number 143182, heretofore issued to AMY LARUE COX, 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 Vocational Nurse License Number 143182, previously issued to AMY LARUE COX, to practice vocational nursing in Texas is hereby SUSPENDED for a period of three (3) years with the suspension STAYED and Respondent is hereby placed on PROBATION for three (3) years with the following agreed terms of probation:

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.

(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, 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 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>*

(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: <http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>*

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. 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:

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer 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 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 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.

(6) 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.

(7) 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, as applicable, 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.

(8) 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.

(9) 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.

(10) 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.

(11) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT administer or have any contact with controlled substances, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, Propofol, or other synthetic opiates for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

(12) 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 three (3) year(s) of employment as a nurse.

(13) 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 a pain management and/or chemical dependency evaluation by a Board approved evaluator. The performing evaluator must submit a written report meeting the Board's requirements to

the Board's office within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.

(14) 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:

Amphetamines	Meperidine
Barbiturates	Methadone
Benzodiazepines	Methaqualone
Cannabinoids	Opiates
Cocaine	Phencyclidine
Ethanol	Propoxyphene
tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)	

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.

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 failure to report for a drug screen, which may be considered the same as a positive result, will be regarded

as non-compliance with the terms of this Order and 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.

(15) 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) month period. 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(s), 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 shall 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 have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations 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.

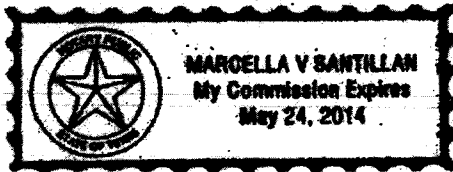
Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2012.  
Amy Larue Cox  
AMY LARUE COX, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

SEAL

Marcella V. Santillan

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



Approved as to form and substance.

Joe A. Flores  
Joe A. Flores, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2012.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 6th day of March, 2012, by AMY LARUE COX, Vocational License Number 143182, and said Order is final.

Effective this 19th day of April, 2012.



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

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BOARD OF VOCATIONAL  
NURSE EXAMINERS

STATE OF TEXAS

VS.

AMY LARUE COX

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

AGREED BOARD ORDER

On this day came to be considered by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners the matter of vocational nurse license number 143182 held by AMY LARUE COX, hereinafter called Respondent.

By letter, the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners sent preliminary notice to Respondent of its intent to take disciplinary action with respect to said license held by Respondent, as a result of a complaint and subsequent investigation. Said investigation produced evidence indicating that Respondent has engaged in unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that, in the opinion of the Board, is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure the public, in violation of Article 4528c, Section 10 (a) (9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, in the following manner:

a. Respondent is a vocational nurse, licensed by the State of Texas, and holds license number 143182.

b. On or about April 1999, the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners conducted a Random continuing education audit regarding Respondent's licensure. Said audit revealed that Respondent had failed to complete twenty (20) contact hours of continuing education between April 1, 1997 and March 31, 1999, as required by the Board of vocational Nurse Examiners (Board) Rules and Regulations.

c. Furthermore, on or about May 19, 1999, Respondent submitted her license renewal form to the Board office. On said form Respondent falsely answered "yes" to the question "Have you acquired twenty (20) contact hours of continuing education in the renewal period just completed?"

d. Board Rule 237.14 states that twenty (20) contact hours of continuing education within the two (2) years immediately preceding renewal of licensure are required.

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AGREED BOARD ORDER  
RE: AMY LARUE COX, LVN #143182  
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By Respondent's signature on this Order, Respondent neither admits nor denies the truth of the matters previously set out in this Order with respect to the above-mentioned investigation. By

Respondent's signature on this Order, Respondent acknowledges that they have read and understood this Order and have approved it for consideration by the Board.

By their notarized signature on this Order, Respondent does hereby waive the right to a formal Complaint, Notice of Hearing and a Public Hearing held before an Administrative Law Judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings, and to judicial review of this disciplinary action. Notice of this disciplinary action will appear in the Board's newsletter sent to Texas employers.

**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners that License Number 143182, heretofore issued to AMY LARUE COX, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby issued an administrative fine in the amount of \$250.00. Said fine shall be in the form of a cashier's check or money order, payable to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners, within thirty (30) days of the date of the Board's endorsement of this Order. Said fee shall be sent to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-400, Austin, TX 78701.

Respondent shall successfully complete the required twenty (20) contact hours of Mandatory Continuing Education (CE) as defined in Board Rule 237.14 and submit documentation of successful completion of the CE requirements to the Board office within thirty (30) days of the endorsement of this Order.

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AGREED BOARD ORDER  
RE: AMY LARUE COX, LVN #143182  
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This Agreed Order shall not be effective or take effect 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.

Dated this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 19 99.

Amy L. Cox  
Signature of Respondent

323 COVE DR.  
Current Address

COPPELL, TX 75019  
City, State and Zip

972 393 9262  
Area Code and Telephone Number

The State of Texas  
County of Denton

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared AMY LARUE COX, 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 on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 18 99.



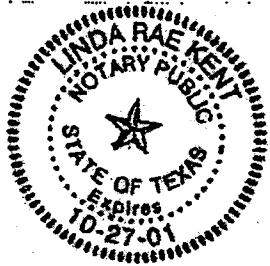
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My Commission Expires 3/24/2001

Mary M. Strong  
Agent for the Board of  
Vocational Nurse Examiners

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 26<sup>th</sup>  
day of August, 1999.




*[Handwritten Signature]*  
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Vocational Nurse  
Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed order that was  
signed on the 11th day of August, 1999 by Respondent, license number 143182 and that  
Said Order is Final.

Effective this 13th day of September, 1999.

  
Mary M. Strange, BSN, RN, CNA  
Executive Director  
On Behalf of Said Board


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 17th day of September, 1999, a true and correct copy of the foregoing  
**BOARD ORDER** was served by placement in the U.S. Mail, first class, and addressed to the  
following person(s):

AMY LARUE COX  
323 COVE DR  
COPPELL, TX 75019

  
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Mary M. Strange, BSN, RN, CNA  
Executive Director  
Agent for the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners