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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of § AGREED  
Vocational Nurse License Number 140114 §  
issued to SUZANNE MARIE HATCH § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SUZANNE MARIE HATCH, Vocational Nurse License Number 140114, 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)(2),(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on September 8, 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 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 Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas on May 29, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 6, 1992.

5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

12/92 to 02/99		unknown
02/99 to 07/02	Office Nurse	Dr. George Marck, MD Amarillo, Texas
07/02 to 07/08	Office Nurse	Dr. Pablo Rodriguez, MD Amarillo, Texas
07/08 to 09/09	Staff Nurse	BSA Hospital Amarillo, Texas
09/09 to 12/09	Staff Nurse	Ochiltree General Hospital Perryton, Texas
12/09 to 01/10		unknown
01/10 to 08/10	Charge Nurse	Craig Methodist Retirement Center Amarillo, Texas
08/10 to 09/10		unknown
09/10 to 04/13	Staff Nurse	BSA Hospital Amarillo, Texas
07/12 to 10/13	Office Nurse	Salil Trehan, MD Amarillo, Texas
10/13 to 07/14	LVN	ADVO Companies Amarillo, Texas
07/14 to 08/14		unknown
08/14 - present	LVN	High Plains Senior Care Amarillo, Texas

6. On or about August 20, 2014, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to DEADLY CONDUCT, a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on January 11, 2014, in the County Court of Hutchinson County, Texas, under Cause No. 40036. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

7. On or about June 16, 2014, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document to the Texas Board of Nursing, to which she answered "No" to the question: "Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:
- A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
  - B. been convicted of a felony?
  - C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
  - D. received deferred adjudication?
  - E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
  - F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
  - G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
  - H. been arrested or any pending criminal charges?
  - I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
  - J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation, or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about January 11, 2014, Respondent was arrested by the Fritch Police Department, Fritch, Texas, and subsequently charged with DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense.

8. In response to Finding of Fact Numbers Six (6) - Seven (7), Respondent states she was going from Amarillo to Spearman, Texas to put flowers on her late husband's grave. She states it had been approximately two (2) years since her husband committed suicide in their home and that she was having a hard time after the holidays dealing with his death. On the way she stopped at a bowling alley to get something to eat and was invited by a group of people there to sit with them and have a beer. She states she was feeling sorry for herself and continued to drink for a while and decided not to go to the cemetery as it was too late in the evening. She states she is not a drinker and the beer affected her more than she thought. Respondent states she realizes she made a bad decision to drink and drive, has learned her lesson and promises to never make this mistake again. Respondent states she asked her attorney about notifying the BON and his advice was to wait until she went to court so that she would know what the charges were going to be. She states that she realizes it is her responsibility to comply with the laws of BON and that she should have answered the question properly. She was not trying to hide anything, but waiting to find out the outcome.

#### 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 §217.12(6)(I)&(13).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(2)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 140114, heretofore issued to SUZANNE MARIE HATCH.

### TERMS OF ORDER

#### **I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY**

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of **REMEDIAL EDUCATION WITH A FINE** in accordance with the terms of this Order.

- A. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- B. This Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state without first obtaining the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the nurse licensure compact party state where Respondent wishes to work.

#### **II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW**

While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT agrees to 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.

### III. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) **within one (1) year of entry of this Order, unless otherwise specifically indicated:**

- A. **A course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics** that 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. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.
- B. 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/these course(s), RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form or SHALL submit the continuing education certificate, as applicable, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office. RESPONDENT SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. *Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at [www.bon.texas.gov/compliance](http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance).*

### IV. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL **pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) 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.

**V. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)**

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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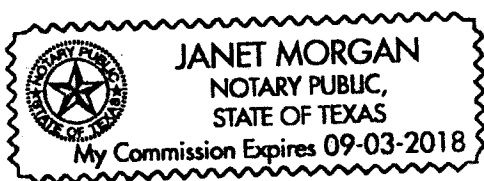
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 entry of this 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 possible revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 29 day of September 20 14  
Suzanne Marie Hatch  
SUZANNE MARIE HATCH, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29 day of September, 2014.

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Janet Morgan  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 29 day of September, 2014, by SUZANNE MARIE HATCH, Vocational Nurse License Number 140114, and said Order is final.

Effective this 6 day of October, 2014.



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