BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of§AGREEDVocational Nurse License Number 161426§issued to SHANE LEE MARTINEZ§ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board,

considered the matter of SHANE LEE MARTINEZ, Vocational Nurse License Number 161426,

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 notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on August 21, 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 is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas, on December 11, 1996. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on February 5, 1997.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1997 - 2000

Charge Nurse

Coon Memorial Hospital Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Dalhart Unit, Dalhart, Texas

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

	1997 - 2005	Laboratory Director/ LVN	Texas Tech University Health Science Center TDCJ Neal and Clements Units, Amarillo, Texas Montford Unit, Lubbock, Texas
	2002	Staff LVN	Nursefinders
	2005 -2009	Facility Health Administrator	Medical Arts Hospital TDCJ, Smith Unit, Lamesa, Texas
	2009	Staff LVN	Nursefinders
	2008 -2011	Staff LVN	Correctional Medical Services Northeastern New Mexico Detention Facility State of New Mexico Corrections Clayton, New Mexico
	2008 -2013	Coordinator of Infectious Diseases	Covenant Hospital Plainview TDCJ Formby/Wheeler Complex, Plainview, Texas
:	2013	Staff LVN	Nursefinders
	9/2013 - 2/2014	Staff LVN	University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas
	3/2014 - Present	Unknown	

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At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff LVN with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, and had been in that position for five (5) months.

7. On or about February 6, 2014, through February 7, 2014, while employed as a Staff LVN with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent failed to assess and intervene when he did not assess and reposition Patient Medical Record Number 0970780 every two hours as required and falsely documented an assessment he did not complete. As a result, the patient remained on a bedpan for approximately eight hours and developed a Stage Two Pressure Ulcer to his coccyx and unstageable ulcers with necrotic tissue to the surrounding skin and flesh. Respondent's conduct caused the patient to suffer unnecessary pain and discomfort. Additionally, Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive other caregivers who needed complete information on which to base their care.

8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent's states he had cared for this patient before and that the patient was able to stand at bedside for physical therapy. He states the charge nurse placed the patient on a bedpan and failed to inform him. Respondent states he was not concerned with repositioning the patient and at no time was he told the patient was on a bedpan. Respondent states he reported to the oncoming nurse that the patient had blanching redness on his coccyx.

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)(D),(1)(M)&(2)(A) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(4),(6)(A)&(6)(H).
- 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 161426, heretofore issued to SHANE LEE MARTINEZ.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive

the sanction of WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS 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

courses within one (1) year of entry of this Order, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

- A. <u>A course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics</u> 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. <u>A course in physical assessment</u> with a didactic portion of not less than six (6) hours and a clinical component of not less than twenty-four (24) hours. Both the didactic and clinical components must be provided by the same Registered Nurse. The course's content shall include physical assessment of all body systems. The clinical component SHALL include physical assessment of live patients in a clinical setting; Performing assessments on mock patients or mannequins WILL NOT be accepted. 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. Successful completion of this course requires RESPONDENT to successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course.
- C. <u>A course in nursing documentation</u> that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping;

and computerized documentation. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.

D. The course <u>"Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills,"</u> 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 <u>not</u> 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*.

IV. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as a nurse,

providing patient care in a licensed healthcare setting, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month for four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) quarterly periods of employment as a nurse have elapsed. Any quarterly periods without continuous employment with the same employer for all three (3) months <u>will not</u> <u>count towards completion of this requirement</u>. 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 period <u>and will not count towards completion of this requirement</u>.

- A. Notifying Present and Future Employers: RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this of this Order, including all attachments, if any, within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this of this Order, including all attachments, if any, prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- **B.** Notification of Employment Forms: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of

Employment" form to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment form" to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.

- C. Indirect Supervision: 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.
- **D.** Nursing Performance Evaluations: 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 and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

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.

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Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 14th day of October, 2014, by SHANE LEE MARTINEZ, Vocational Nurse License Number 161426, and said Order is final.

Effective this 12th day of November, 2014.

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