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BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED Vocational Nurse License Number 233447 § issued to MWADI MARIE TSHOBA § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of MWADI MARIE TSHOBA, Vocational Nurse License Number 233447, 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 informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on July 7, 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 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 The Universal Health Services School, Fort Worth, Texas, on December 20, 2010. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on February 10, 2011.
- 5. Respondent's employment history includes:

2/2011 - 3/2011 Unknown 4/2011 - 5/2011 Staff LVN

Wedgewood Fort Worth, Texas Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

6/2011 - 12/2013Staff LVNMarine Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation
Fort Worth, Texas1/2014 - PresentStaff LVNLong Meadow Health Care of Justin
Justin, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff LVN with Marine Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation, Fort Worth, Texas, and had been in that position for two (2) years and six (6) months.
- 7. On or about December 20, 2013, while employed as a Staff LVN with Marine Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent failed to notify the physician when Resident JC presented with nausea and repeated vomiting. Approximately one (1) hour later, Respondent found Resident JC with clear yellow emesis and was unable to obtain his blood pressure. Respondent's conduct deprived the resident's physician of vital information which would be required to institute timely medical interventions.
- 8. On or about December 20, 2013, while employed as a Staff LVN with Marine Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent failed to ensure Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was continued on Resident JC, who was a full code status, when Respondent went to admit Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel to the facility. The resident was transported to a local acute care facility by EMS, where he was pronounced deceased two (2) hours later. Respondent's conduct may have contributed to the resident's demise.
- 9. In response to the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states that at 2230 she noted the patient with a moderate amount of emesis and she made him comfortable with repositioning. Respondent states that she twice offered the patient a Promethazine tablet to help relieve his nausea and twice he refused, and she asked the patient if he would like to go to the hospital for evaluation and treatment and he responded no. Respondent states that at 2250 she noted the patient with liquid yellowish emesis on his gown and again offered a 25 mg tablet of Promethazine, and at that time the resident accepted the medication Respondent states that at 2235 she found the patient with a clear yellow emesis and attempted to assess his vital signs, but was unable to obtain a blood pressure. Respondent states that she went to the nurse's station and paged another LVN and contacted the on call physician's assistant (PA), and while she was on the phone with the PA, the LVN told her that the patient was already gone. Respondent states that she told the other LVN that she could not pronounce the death of a resident and she and the other LVN went immediately to the resident's room. At that time, Respondent states she immediately assessed the patient and was unable to obtain a pulse and found no signs of respiration. Respondent states that as soon as she determined the patient was not breathing and unresponsive she immediately initiated CPR and continued until the paramedics arrived.

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),(1)(P)&(2)(A) 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 againstVocational Nurse License Number 233447, heretofore issued to MWADI MARIE TSHOBA, 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 REPRIMAND 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:

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(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, length. 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.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in physical assessment. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. 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. RESPONDENT SHALL perform physical assessments on live patients in a clinical setting for a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of physical assessment only and shall be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. To be approved, the course

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shall cover all systems of the body. 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. 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: <u>http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</u>.*

(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/compliance.*

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within sixty (60) days of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Basic Cardiopulmonary Life Support for Healthcare Providers. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course and instructor prior to enrollment. 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 course shall be a minimum of four and one half (4 ½) hours in length. The course's content shall include: Adult, Infant, and Child 1- and 2-

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Rescuer CPR; Adult, Infant, and Child Foreign Body Airway Obstruction for both responsive and unresponsive victims; and Adult Automated External Defibrillation. In order to receive credit for completion of this workshop, RESPONDENT SHALL obtain the Verification of Course Completion form from the Board's website, <u>http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</u>, and SHALL SUBMIT the Verification of Course Completion form to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring, after having the form completed and signed by the course instructor. RESPONDENT SHALL also submit a front and back copy of the course completion card along with the Verification of Course Completion form. 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.

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 TWO (2) YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWENTY-FOUR (24) 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 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

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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) With the exception of Respondent's current position as a Staff LVN with Long Meadow Health Care of Justin, Justin, Texas, 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. Should Respondent's current position as a Staff LVN with Long Meadow Health Care of Justin, Justin, Texas, cease or change, 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, for the remainder of the first year of employment as a nurse under the terms of this Order, if any.

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(8) For so long as Respondent maintains her current position as a Staff LVN with Long Meadow Health Care of Justin, Justin, Texas, 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. Should Respondent's current position as a Staff LVN with Long Meadow Health Care of Justin, Justin, Texas, cease or change, RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, <u>if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if</u> licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises for the remainder of the second year of employment as a nurse under the terms of this Order, if any. 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 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 two (2) years 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 /0/233447:189

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 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 03 day of october, 20 14 MWADI MM IOBA, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 320 day of _____

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Notary Public in and for the State of 72-45

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Sara Hammond, Attorney for Respondent Signed this 3rd day of October, 2014.

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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 3 rd day of October, 2014, by MWADI MARIE TSHOBA, Vocational Nurse License Number 233447, and said Order is final.

Effective this 12 th day of November, 2014.

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