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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED
Vocational Nurse License Number 195426 §
issued to MARY BELLE EDWARDS § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of MARY BELLE EDWARDS, Vocational Nurse License Number 195426, 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)(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 December 3, 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 Navarro College, Mexia, Texas, on August 13, 2004. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 5, 2004.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

10/2004-12/2009	Staff Nurse	Mexia State Supported Living Center Mexia, Texas
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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

1/2010-6/2010	Staff Nurse	Limestone County Detention Center Groesbeck, Texas
8/2010-8/2013	Staff Nurse	The Manor Healthcare Residence Mexia, Texas
9/2013-Present		Unknown

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with The Manor Healthcare Residence, Mexia, Texas, and had been in that position for one (1) year and ten (10) months.
7. On or about June 11, 2012, while employed as a Staff Nurse with The Manor Healthcare Residence, Mexia, Texas, Respondent performed a blood glucose finger stick on Resident R.H. using a single-patient lancing device that had been used by other residents, then wiped it off, and placed it in the medication cart for re-use. Respondent's conduct exposed the resident unnecessarily to a risk of harm from infection.
8. On or about June 12, 2012, while employed as a Staff Nurse with The Manor Healthcare Residence, Mexia, Texas, Respondent failed to provide wound care to Resident L.M. using appropriate clean technique, including: failing to wash her hands between dirty and clean procedures, failing to clean the wound care scissors, and placing soiled items on clean wax paper during wound care. Respondent's conduct exposed the resident unnecessarily to a risk of harm from infection.
9. In response to the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), regarding Resident R.H., Respondent states that she performed the glucose tests according to standard procedure, and was then informed that she could no longer use the pen that The Manor furnished. Respondent states that the Director of Nursing (DON) and Assistant Director of Nursing removed the pens and obtained single-use lancets, and Respondent attended an inservice on glucose testing along with the rest of the staff. Regarding Resident L.M., Respondent states that after the incident, she was critiqued by the DON and another registered nurse on wound care practices on each shift for a month to ensure that she was performing wound care correctly.

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)(M)&(1)(O).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 195426, heretofore issued to MARY BELLE EDWARDS.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of **REMEDIAL EDUCATION** 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 the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise specifically indicated:**

- A. **A Board-approved 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 "Infection Control,"** a 5.0 contact hour workshop presented in various locations by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.
- C. **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.*

IV. 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.

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 5th day of January, 2015.

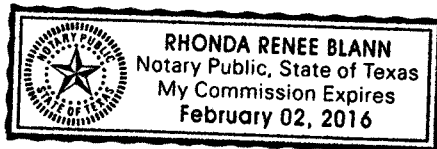
Mary Belle Edwards
MARY BELLE EDWARDS, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of January, 2015.

Rhonda Renee Blann

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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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 5th day of January, 2015, by MARY BELLE EDWARDS, Vocational Nurse License Number 195426, and said Order is final.

Effective this 7th day of January, 2015.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katherine A. Thomas".

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