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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
Registered Nurse License Number 694418	§	
issued to AIXA RIOJAS	§	ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of AIXA RIOJAS, Registered Nurse License Number 694418, 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 December 19, 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 professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Laredo Community College on December 1, 2002. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 4, 2003.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

3/2003-7/2008

Staff Nurse,  
Cardiac Unit

Laredo Medical Center  
Laredo, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

9/2005-9/2006	Staff Nurse	Christus Santa Rosa San Antonio, Texas
8/2008-11/2008	Trainee, Medical/Surgical Intensive Care Unit	Southeast Baptist Hospital San Antonio, Texas
11/2008-5/2009	Staff Nurse	Laredo Specialty Hospital Laredo, Texas
6/2009-8/2009	Unknown	
9/2009-11/2010	Field Nurse	All Season Homecare San Antonio, Texas
2/2010-5/2010	Agency Nurse	U.S. Got People San Antonio, Texas
7/2010-12/2010	Staff Nurse	U.S.R.C. San Antonio, Texas
9/2010-12/2010	Staff Nurse	U.S. Renal Dialysis Laredo, Texas
1/2011-4/2011	Agency Nurse	Medical Staffing Network Laredo, Texas
5/2011-6/2011	Field Nurse	Bright Star Home Health Laredo, Texas
6/2011-12/2011	Staff Nurse	Laredo Texas Hospital Company, Laredo, Texas
6/2011-7/2013	Staff Nurse	Laredo Medical Center Laredo, Texas
8/2013-9/2014	Unknown	
10/2014-Present	Staff Nurse	San Antonio State Hospital San Antonio, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with Laredo Medical Center, Laredo, Texas, and had been in that position for one (1) year and nine (9) months.
7. On or about March 26, 2013, while employed as a Staff Nurse with Laredo Medical Center, Laredo, Texas, Respondent failed to document, in the Medication Administration Record, the refusal of an Insulin injection by Patient Medical Record Number 191360. The improper documentation reflects that Respondent administered six (6) units of Insulin at a time of 10:00 p.m. Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate medical record and exposed the patient unnecessarily to risk of harm by providing subsequent caregivers erroneous information on which to base their care decisions.
8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she did not administer any Insulin injections to the aforementioned patient.

#### 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) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(C).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 694418, heretofore issued to AIXA RIOJAS.

#### 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. **A Board-approved course in nursing documentation** 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.

- 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](http://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.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order.

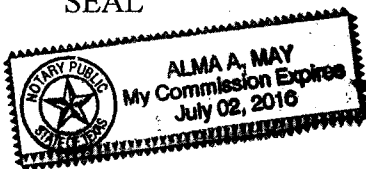
I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

Aixa Riojas RN II  
AIXA RIOJAS, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

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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 15th day of January, 2015, by AIXA RIOJAS, Registered Nurse License Number 694418, and said Order is final.

Effective this 22nd day of January, 2015.

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

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