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BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**DELONDRIA FELICE EVANS** 2710 N Brompton Drive Pearland, TX 77584

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Registered Nurse License No. 727826

RESPONDENT

Case No. 2014-1328

DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER

[Gov. Code, §11520]

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- On or about April 22, 2014, Complainant Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN, in her official 1. capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 2014-1328 against Delondria Felice Evans (Respondent) before the Board of Registered Nursing. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)
- On or about June 11, 2008, the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) issued Registered Nurse License No. 727826 to Respondent. The Registered Nurse License expired on Jánuary 31, 2010, and has not been renewed.
- On or about April 22, 2014, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 2014-1328, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 to Respondent's

address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 136 and/Title 16, California Code of Regulation, section 1409.1, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board, which was and is:

2710 N Brompton Drive

Pearland, TX 77584.

On or about May 20, 2014, Respondent was re-served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 2014-1328, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 to Respondent's alternate address as follows:

3045 Marina Bay Dr. Apt 8201

League City, TX 77573.

- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section 124.
- 5. On or about July 1, 2014, the Certified Mail documents addressed to respondent's alternate address and sent through the U.S. Postal Service were returned bearing the indicia, "Unclaimed." As of July 24, 2014, nothing was returned by U. S. Postal Service for documents mailed to respondent's address of record.
  - 6. Business and Professions Code section 2764 states:

The lapsing or suspension of a license by operation of law or by order or **dec**ision of the board or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licentiate shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to proceed with an investigation of or action or disciplinary proceeding against such license, or to render a decision suspending or revoking such license.

- 7. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
- (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the Accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.

- 8. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service of the Accusation upon her, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 2014-1328.
  - 9. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
- (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent.
- 10. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board after having reviewed the proof of service dated April 22, 2014, signed by Richard Ware, and the returned envelope, finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on Accusation No. 2014-1328 and the documents contained in Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this matter which includes:

Exhibit 1: Pleadings offered for jurisdictional purposes; Accusation Case No. 20141328, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense (two blank copies),
Request for Discovery and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections
11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7), proof of service; and if applicable, mail
receipt or copy of returned mail envelopes;

Exhibit 2: License History Certification for Delondria Felice Evans, Registered
Nurse License No. 727826;

Exhibit 3: Affidavit of Kami Pratab;

Exhibit 4: Out of State Discipline (Texas Board of Nursing);

Exhibit 5: Declaration of costs by Office of the Attorney General for prosecution of Case No. 2014-1328.

The Board finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2014-1328 are separately and severally true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

11. Taking official notice of Certification of Board Costs and the Declaration of Costs by the Office of the Attorney General contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet, pursuant to the Business and Professions Code section 125.3, it is hereby determined that

the reasonable costs for Investigation and Enforcement in connection with the Accusation are \$1,387.50 as of July 24, 2014.

# **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Delondria Felice Evans has subjected her following license(s) to discipline:
  - a. Registered Nurse License No. 727826
  - 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 3. The Board of Registered Nursing is authorized to revoke Respondent's license(s) based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation, which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case.
  - a. Violation of Business and Professions Code section 2761(a)(4) Disciplinary action by another State Board of Nursing.

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# **ORDER**

IT IS SO ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 727826, heretofore issued to Respondent Delondria Felice Evans, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on <u>December 12, 2014</u>.

It is so ORDERED <u>November 13, 2014</u>.

Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs State of California

Attachment:

Exhibit A: Accusation No. 2014-1328

Exhibit A

Accusation No. 2014-1328

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10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2014-1328
11	DELONDRIA FELICE EVANS 2710 N. Brompton Drive	
12	Pearland, TX 77584	ACCUSATION
13	Registered Nurse License No. 727826	
14	Respondent.	
15	Complainant alleges:	
16	<u>PARTIES</u>	
17	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her	
18	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing (Board), Department	
19	of Consumer Affairs.	
20	2. On or about June 11, 2008, the Board issued Registered Nurse License Number	
21	727826 to Delondria Felice Evans (Respondent). The Registered Nurse License expired on	
22	January 31, 2010, and has not been renewed.	
23	<u>JURISDICTION</u>	
24	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following	
25	laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless indicated.	
26	4. Code section 2750 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any	
27	licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided	
28	in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.	

- 5. Code section 2764 provides that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811(b) of the Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.
- 6. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1419.3(a), states that "a linerisee may renew a license that has not been expired for more than eight years by paying the renewal and penalty fees specified in Section 1417 and providing evidence of 30 hours of continuing education taken within the prior two-year period."
- 7. Section 2761 of the Code states in relevant part(s) that the board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:
  - (a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that action.
- 8. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1419(d), "discipline includes, but is not limited to, suspension, revocation, voluntary surrender, probation, reprimand, or any other restriction on a license held."

#### COST RECOVERY

9. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated.

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**CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE** 

(Unprofessional Conduct - Out of State Discipline) (Bus. & Prof. Section 2761, subd. (a)(4))

- 10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2761, subdivision (a)(4), for out of state discipline, as follows:
- 11. On or about September 10, 2013, in a disciplinary matter entitled In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 698693 Issued to Delondria Felice Evans, the Texas Board of Nursing (Texas Board) made Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and thereon adopted an Agreed Order (Order) to impose the sanction of a reprimand with stipulations on Respondent's license to practice nursing in Texas. The stipulations included, but were not limited to, the requirement that Respondent abstain from the consumption of alcohol, synthetic opiates and/or the use of controlled substances except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. In the event that Respondent obtained one or more prescriptions for controlled substances required for a period of two (2) weeks or longer, Respondent would be required to submit to a pain management and/or chemical dependency evaluation by a Texas Board approved evaluator for a written evaluation. In addition, Respondent was required to submit to random periodic screens for alcohol and controlled substances as set forth in the Order. Further, a representative from the Texas Board could appear at Respondent's place of employment and require Respondent to produce a specimen for screening at any time during the stipulation period. Respondent was also required to participate in therapy with a Board approved counselor for the purpose of preparing written reports advising the Texas Board of Respondent's progress in therapy, rehabilitation, and her capability to safely practice nursing. The Texas Board's license discipline was based on the following factual circumstances described in the Order:
- 12. On or about March 2, 2005, in Case Number CR23767 before the 253rd Judicial District Court of Liberty County, Texas, Respondent entered a negotiated plea of "Guilty" to the

As set forth in paragraph 10 of the Order, Respondent was to submit to random urinalysis screens at least once per week during the first three (3) month period following the effective date of the Order. For the next three (3) month period, Respondent was expected to submit to random screens at least twice (2) a month, and then for the six (6) month period following, Respondent would submit to random screens at least once (1) per month.

charge of Securing Execution of a Document by Deception, a third degree felony offense committed on August 13, 1998. Adjudication was deferred and Respondent was placed on Community Supervision for period of two (2) years and six (6) months and ordered to pay assessed costs/restitution. On or about September 2, 2007, Respondent was found compliant and the case was discharged.

- Registered Nurse with UTMB Health located in Galveston, Texas, Respondent withdrew controlled substances<sup>2</sup> from the facility's Medication Dispensing System for patients but failed to document or completely and accurately document administration, including signs, symptoms, and responses to the medications in the patients' Medication Administration Records (MAR) and/or Nurses' Notes.
- 14. On or around January 18, 2011 through to June 24, 2011, while employed as a Registered Nurse with UTMB Health, Respondent withdrew controlled substances from the facility's medication dispensing system for patients. Respondent failed to follow the facility's policy and procedures for wastage of any unused portions of the medications.
- 15. On or around January 18, 2011 through to June 24, 2011, while employed as a Registered Nurse with UTMB Health, Respondent misappropriated controlled substances from the facility and from patients or by her conduct failed to take precautions to prevent misappropriation of the controlled substances.
- 16. On or about April 30, 2013, Respondent submitted to a Chemical Dependency
  Evaluation wherein it was determined that Respondent does not have a substance abuse problem
  or substance related impairment preventing her from practicing nursing with reasonable skill and
  safety to patients. However, it was recommended that Respondent participate in psychotherapy
  with a seasoned therapist to help her address her concerns and worries.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> These controlled substances were specifically identified in the Order as Norco, Morphine, Propofol, Fentanyl, and Midazolam (hereinafter referred to as controlled substances). Norco, Morphine, Propofol, Fentanyl, and Midazolam are controlled substances and dangerous drugs pursuant to sections 4021 and 4022 of the Code.

# **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 727826, issued to Delondria Felice Evans;
- 2. Ordering Delondria Felice Evans to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
  - Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: APRIL ZZ 2014

LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN

**Executive Officer** 

Board of Registered Nursing

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State of California Complainant

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