IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT \$ BEFORE THE TEXAS
PERMANENT REGISTERED NURSE \$ BOARD OF NURSING
LICENSE NUMBER 664034 \$
ISSUED TO SANDRA SUE BLACKBURN, \$ ELIGIBILITY AND
RESPONDENT \$ DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: SANDRA SUE BLACKBURN 1203 NORTH PLAZA E. BLVD. HOUSTON, TX 77073

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on **Tuesday, February 10, 2015**, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the abovestyled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 Tex. ADMIN. Code Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by

reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 Tex. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 664034, previously issued to SANDRA SUE BLACKBURN, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 10th day of February, 2015.

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BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment:

Formal Charges filed October 30, 2014.

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Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 664034
Issued to SANDRA SUE BLACKBURN
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the Man day of Yebruar 4, 2015, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
SANDRA SUE BLACKBURN
1203 NORTH PLAZA E. BLVD.
HOUSTON, TX 77073

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

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License Number 664034	§	
Issued to SANDRA SUE BLACKBURN,	§	
Respondent	8	BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, SANDRA SUE BLACKBURN, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 664034, which is in delinquent status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about October 17, 2013, while employed with Epic Health Services, Houston, Texas, and assigned to care for Patient Medical Record Number 489, Respondent left the patient at home alone, unsupervised. In addition, Respondent failed to notify her nurse (RN) supervisor, or the patient's parents, that she would not be providing care as previously scheduled. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to risk of harm in that leaving the nursing assignment could have resulted in the patient not getting the care that the patient needed.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(I) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4)&(12).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html.

Filed this 30 day of 0.4 ber 20 14.

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