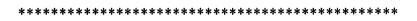
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of § AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 744889

issued to PAULINA ANASTASIA NDALOMA (FOFANAH) § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of PAULINA ANASTASIA NDALOMA (FOFANAH), Registered Nurse License Number 744889, 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 November 25, 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 the National School of Nursing, Freetown, Sierra Leone, on June 7, 1999. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 17, 2007.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

7/2007 - 9/2008

Staff Nurse

Williamsburg Nursing and Rehabilitation DeSoto, Texas I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the

Executive Director of the Board

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

10/2008 - 9/2009	Staff Nurse	Twinber Home Health and Hospice DeSoto, Texas
8/2009 - 1/2013	Staff Nurse	Walnut Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation
12/2010 - 8/2011	Staff Nurse	Everwell Home Health Agency Dallas, Texas
6/2011 - 9/2012	Staff Nurse	Trendy Care Home Health Dallas, Texas
7/2011 - Present	Staff Nurse	Dera Health Care System DeSoto, Texas
5/2012 - 12/2013	Staff Nurse	The Village at Richardson Richardson, Texas
1/2013 - Present	Staff Nurse	Rehabilitation and Wellness Center of Dallas/Dallas Center of Rehab Dallas, Texas
9/2014 - Present	Staff Nurse	Legacy at Willow Bend Plano, Texas

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Nursing Supervisor with The Village at Richardson, Richardson, Texas, and had been in that position forone (1) year.
- 7. On or about May 12, 2013, while employed as a Nursing Supervisor with The Village at Richardson, Richardson, Texas, Respondent failed to ensure that a Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP) machine was obtained for Resident L.C. as ordered, when the resident was admitted from an outside hospital with diagnoses of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia, and congestive heart failure. Subsequently, the resident expired two (2) days later. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the resident from complications of insufficient respiratory support, including possible demise.
- 8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she did realize the patient needed to be on BiPAP, and she left a detailed message on the respiratory therapist's voice mail. Respondent also states that she performed her job according to the policies and procedures that were in place at the time of her employment.

- 9. Formal Charges were filed on September 23, 2014.
- 10. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on October 1, 2014.

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)(P) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §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 against Registered Nurse License Number 744889, heretofore issued to PAULINA ANASTASIA NDALOMA (FOFANAH).

TERMS OF ORDER

I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of **WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS** 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 <u>"Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills,"</u> 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 <u>not</u> being offered by a preapproved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at <u>www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</u>.

IV. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as a nurse, providing direct patient care in a licensed healthcare setting, <u>for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours</u> <u>per month</u> for four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) quarterly periods of employment as a nurse have elapsed. Any quarterly period without continuous employment with the same employer for all three (3) months <u>will not</u>

count towards completion of this requirement. 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 period and will not count towards completion of this requirement.

- A. Notifying Present and Future Employers: RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- B. Notification of Employment Forms: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment form" to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. Incident Reporting: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to immediately submit any and all incident, counseling, variance, unusual occurrence, and medication or other error reports involving RESPONDENT, as well as documentation of any internal investigations regarding action by RESPONDENT, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office.
- **D.** Nursing Performance Evaluations: 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 and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

V. 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 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.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this Haday of ANUARY, 20 15

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FAWN HENDERSON
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires
October 03, 2016

Notary Public in and for the State of TEVAS

Approved as to form and substance.

Jeffrey C. Grass, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 28 day of Acet, 2014.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>7th</u> day of <u>January</u>, 20<u>15</u>, by PAULINA ANASTASIA NDALOMA (FOFANAH), Registered Nurse License Number 744889, and said Order is final.

Effective this 10th day of February, 2015.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board