

IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT  
PERMANENT REGISTERED NURSE  
LICENSE NUMBER 686152  
ISSUED TO CHRISTIE LEIGH HICKERSON,  
RESPONDENT

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BEFORE THE TEXAS  
BOARD OF NURSING  
ELIGIBILITY AND  
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



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  
Texas Board of Nursing.  
*Patricia A. ...*  
Executive Director of the Board

**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO: CHRISTIE LEIGH HICKERSON  
8601 ANDERSON MILL RD # 915  
AUSTIN, TX 78729

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on February 10, 2015, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled 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 686152 previously issued to CHRISTIE LEIGH HICKERSON, 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.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:



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

Attachment: Formal Charge filed November 20, 2014.

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Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 686152  
Issued to CHRISTIE LEIGH HICKERSON  
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 11 day of February, 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

CHRISTIE LEIGH HICKERSON  
8601 ANDERSON MILL RD # 915  
AUSTIN, TX 78729

Via USPS First Class Mail

CHRISTIE LEIGH HICKERSON  
8601 ANDERSON MILL RD # 915  
AUSTIN, TX 78729



BY:

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

In the Matter of § BEFORE THE TEXAS  
Permanent Registered Nurse §  
License Number 686152 §  
Issued to CHRISTIE LEIGH HICKERSON, §  
Respondent § BOARD OF NURSING

### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, CHRISTIE LEIGH HICKERSON, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 686152, 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 December 10, 2012, Respondent was convicted of the offense of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED BAC  $\geq 0.15$ , a Class B Misdemeanor, in the County Court of Law Number 2, Williamson County, Texas, under Cause Number 12-06048-2. Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Williamson County Jail for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days and placed on probation for fifteen (15) months. On March 6, 2014, Respondent was issued a Motion to Revoke Probation and ordered to confinement in the Williamson County Jail for one hundred (100) days, with twelve (12) days credit given.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

#### CHARGE II.

On October 31, 2014, Respondent plead guilty and was convicted of the offense of DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID WITH PREVIOUS CONVICTION/SUSPENSION WITHOUT FINAL RESOLUTION, a Class B Misdemeanor in the County Court at Law Number 2, Williamson County, Texas, under Cause Number 14-04027-2. Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Williamson County Jail for a period of ten (10) days, with credit given for fifty seven (57) days, and assessed court costs and fees.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

### CHARGE III.

On or about December 27, 2013, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Be Healthy At Home, Inc., Buda, Texas, and providing care for Patient Medical Record Number 11705, Respondent advanced a contaminated peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) line after it became dislodged during a dressing change. Instead of notifying the physician, Respondent advanced the PICC line approximately two (2) centimeters which is the length that had been pulled out. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to risk of infection.

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)(M),(1)(P)&(3)(A) and 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

### CHARGE IV.

On or about December 27, 2013, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Be Healthy At Home, Inc., Buda, Texas, Respondent failed to document in the medical record of Patient Medical Record Number 11705 a Skilled Nurse Visit that she performed, including her assessment of the PICC line site and that the PICC line had been dislodged during the dressing change. Respondent's conduct resulted in an incomplete, inaccurate medical record, and was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation while providing further care to the patient.

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)(D)&(3)(A) and 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

### CHARGE V.

On or about December 27, 2013, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Be Healthy At Home, Inc., Buda, Texas, and providing care for Patient Medical Record Number 11705, Respondent may have lacked fitness to safely practice nursing in that while on duty Respondent exhibited behaviors which included being distracted and her hands were shaking. Respondent's conduct could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patient's condition, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding the patient's care, thereby placing the patient in potential harm.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10),(12)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(T) and 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(E),(4)&(5).

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).

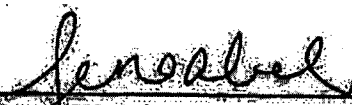
NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct and on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, which can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

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](http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html).

Filed this 20th day of November, 2014.

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