#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of

AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 440858

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issued to ESTRELLA ABLANG-TEJADO

§ ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ESTRELLA ABLANG-TEJADO, Registered Nurse License Number 440858, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

#### 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 delinquent status.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Abad Santos Education Institution, Quezon, Philippines, on April 18, 1970. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on October 26, 1977.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

12/1973 - 2/1977

Staff Nurse

Baptist Medical Center Little Rock, Arkansas

10/1977 - 2/1994

Staff & Charge Nurse

Parkland Memorial Hospital

Dallas, Texas

Executive Director of the Board

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

3/1994 - 9/2013

Staff Nurse/Charge Nurse

Dallas Regional Medical Center

Mesquite, Texas

10/2013 - Present

Unknown

- 6. On May 15, 1979, Respondent's license to practice professional nursing was issued a Severe Reprimand by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Agreed Order dated May 15, 1979, is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
- 7. On or about May 10, 1995, Respondent's license to practice professional nursing was issued the sanction of a Warning by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Agreed Order dated May 10, 1995, is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
- 8. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as Staff Nurse with Dallas Regional Medical Center Mesquite, Texas, and had been in that position for eighteen (18) years and six (6) months.
- 9. On or about August 19, 2013, while employed with Dallas Regional Medical Center, Mesquites, Texas, Respondent failed to intervene and notify the physician of Patient Medical Record Number 1189952 when the patient's vital signs became unstable, including a decreasing blood pressure and elevated pulse. Respondent's conduct deprived the patient's physician of vital information which would be required to institute timely medical interventions.
- 10. On or about August 19, 2013, while employed with Dallas Regional Medical Center, Mesquites, Texas, Respondent failed to reassess the aforementioned Patient Medical Record Number 1189952, who was experiencing hypotension, after she administered Dilaudid (an opioid medication which can cause hypotension and respiratory depression) and Zofran. Additionally, Respondent failed to monitor the patient's vital signs every four (4) hours as ordered by the physician, including oxygen saturation levels. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm from complications due to undiagnosed and, consequently, untreated disease processes.
- In response to Findings of Fact Number Eight (8) and Nine (9), Respondent states that the charge nurse checked the patient's vital signs after reporting in at midnight. Respondent states that she knows in her heart that she checked her patients and when report was given to the incoming nurse, the patient was alive and with no acute distress.
- 12. Formal Charges were filed on January 23, 2015.

- 13. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on January 27, 2015.
- 14. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

#### **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)(C),(1)(D),(1)(M),(1)(P)&(3)(A) 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 440858, heretofore issued to ESTRELLA ABLANG-TEJADO, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

#### **TERMS OF ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of Registered Nurse License Number 440858, heretofore issued to ESTRELLA
ABLANG-TEJADO, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Texas Board of
Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional/registered nursing, use the title "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself/himself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
- 3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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

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## 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 this Order becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 13th day of Feb , 2015.

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ESTRELLA ABLANG-DEJADO, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of Feb, 2015.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texus

Approved as to form and substance.

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Oscar San Miguel
Oscar San Miguel, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 13th day of February , 20 15.

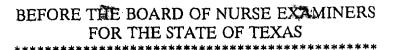
WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 440858, previously issued to ESTRELLA ABLANG-TEJADO.

Effective this 13th day of February, 2015.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board



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In the Matter of Permanent Certificate §

Number 440858 issued to

AGREED ORDER

ESTRELLA ABLANG-TEJADO

An investigation by the Board produced evidence indicating that ESTRELLA ABLANG-TEJADO, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, may have violated Article 4525(b)(9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended.

An informal conference was held on February 15, 1995, at the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners, in accordance with Article 4524C, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

Respondent appeared in person. Respondent was notified of her right to be represented by legal counsel at the informal conference and elected to waive representation by counsel at the conference. In attendance were Louise Waddill, Ph.D., RN, Executive Director; Roy Rawls, Assistant General Counsel; and Noemi Leal, Senior Investigator.

## 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.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, notice, hearing, and consented to the entry of this order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in Texas.

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Executive Director of the Board

- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Abad Santos Education Institution, Quezon, Philippines, on April 18, 1970.
- 5. Respondent was employed with Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas, since February 17, 1975.
- 6. Respondent while employed with Parkland Memorial Hospital, on or about February 18, 1994, made false entries in a patient's medical record by documenting an assessment that she had not carried out. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent caregivers could have relied on documentation that may not have accurately reflected the patient's condition.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Article 4525, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. That the evidence received was sufficient to prove violation(s) of Article 4525(b)(9), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.13(5).
- 4. That the activities of the Respondent constituted sufficient cause pursuant to Article 4525(b), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., to take disciplinary action against license number 440858, heretofore issued to ESTRELLA ABLANG-TEJADO.

#### AGREED SANCTIONS

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that Respondent receive the sanction(s) of a Warning with Remedial Education, and Respondent shall comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Art. 4513 et. seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 et. seq. and this order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Respondent shall comply with the following stipulations for one (1) year:

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-size license issued to ESTRELLA ABLANG-TEJADO, to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of the date of this order for appropriate notation.
- (2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this order, successfully complete a course in Nursing Jurisprudence. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of course prior to enrollment. Home Study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course must be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience must include registered nurses. The course's content should include the Nursing Practice Act, Standards of Practice, and documentation of care. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL cause the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure.

## 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. By my signature on this order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Agreed Sanctions, and any stipulation(s) of this order to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I consent to the issuance of the Agreed Sanctions. I waive judicial review of this order. I understand that this order is subject to ratification by the Board. When the order is ratified, the terms of this order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me.

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	Signed this 10 day of LPRIC, 1995.
	Estrella Abland-TEJADO
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	Approved as to form and substance.
	Mona Gupta, Attorney for Respondent
	Signed this day of, 19

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurs
Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that wa
signed on the <u>10th</u> day of <u>April</u> , 19 <u>95</u> , by ESTRELLA ABLANC
TEJADO, license number 440858, and said order is final.
Effective this 10th day of May , 19 95.
Soussel helding
Louise Waddill, Ph.D., R.N.
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the matter of Permanent Certificate Number 4-40858 issued to ESTRELLA NISPEROS ABLANG

## ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Estrella Nisperos Ablang 4320 Congress Avenue ≢212 Dallas, Texas 75219

The Board of Nurse Examiners in and for the State of Texas in a regularly scheduled meeting, having set a Hearing to be held on May 15, 1979, to determine whether cause exists under Article 4525a (6), V.A.T..., to suspend or revoke License Number 4-40858, heretofore issued to ESTRELLA NISPEROS ABLANG, pursuant to applicable Texas law.

At the Hearing, Mrs. Billie Bell, R.N., President of the Board, presided and the following members were present:

Mrs. Pauline Barnes, R.N.
Mrs. Mary Virginia Jacobs, R.N.
Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, R.N.
Mrs. June Murphy, R.N.
Dr. Barbara Woodard, R.N.

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The Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas was represented by Mr. Philip Maxwell, Counsel to the Board. The respondent was present and represent by counsel, Mr. Clyde R. Parks. Testimony and other evidence was received by the Board and, as a result thereof, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That Sworn Complaint was filed with the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in accordance with law.

- That Notice of Hearing and Complaint were served in accordance with law.
- 3 That ESTRELLA NISPEROS ABLANG is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in Texas.
- That the nurse in question admitted that she wrote the State Board Test Pool Examination in Arkansas in February and July, 1974, and further admitted that she made application to write the State Board Test Pool Examination in Texas in 1975, stating under oath that she had never made application nor written the State Board Test Pool Examination in another State.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- That pursuant to Article 4525, V.A.T.S., the Board of Murse Examiners for the State of Texas has jurisdiction over this matter.
- That the evidence presented did constitute sufficient cause pursuant to Article 4525a (6), V.A.I.S., to reprimand license number -40858, heretofore issued to ESTRELLA MISPEROS ABLANG, to practice professional nursing in Texas.

### ORDER.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS CROERED that License Number 4-40850, heretofore issued to ESTRELLA NISPEROS ABLANG to practice processional nursing in the State of Texas is not revoked nor suspended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all charges here ofore arising out of a complaint filed with the Board of Nurse Examiners railed to the respondent and that were the subject of the Hearing be and the same are dismissed.

Although no action is hereby taken by the Board to revoke or suspend the respondent's license to practice professional nursing, the roard does hereby remind the respondent that a professional nurse is responsible to provide nursing services whereby professional standards must be maintained. Each professional nurse must adhere to the responsibility, trust and obligations; to adhere to standards of professional competency; and to adhere to the legal and ethical practice and conduct in the profession.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board does he shy issue the severest reprimand possible for the conduct proven at the Hearing on this matter and

admonishes her that the prime objective of the nursing profession is to render service to humanity and whoever chooses this profession assumes the obligations to conduct themselves in accordance with its ideals as well as the obedience to the laws of the State of Texas.

Entered this 15th day of May, 1979.

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The aforementioned Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of the Board represent a final decision or order duly made by the Board of Nurse Examiners in and for the State of Texas this the 15th day of May, 1979.

Barbara Worland RN Eso Cauline Barner, RM.

Sorothy Johnson R.W. M.S.W. Mary Dinginia Jacobs, R.N., B.S.N.

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