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BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of§AGREEDRegistered Nurse License Number 759315§issued to CHERYL LYNN VIRGIL§ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CHERYL LYNN VIRGIL, Registered Nurse License Number 759315, 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 December 30, 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 a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from St. Mary of the Plains, Wichita, Kansas, on May 16, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 28, 2008.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1990-1994	Registered Nurse	Via Christi Regional Medical Center St. Joseph Campus Wichita, Kansas
1994-1995	Registered Nurse	Sandpiper Bay Nursing Care Wichita, Kansas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

1995-1999	Registered Nurse	Wesley Medical Center Wichita, Kansas
1999-2001	Registered Nurse	Care IV Medical Services Wichita, Kansas
2001-2008	Registered Nurse Heart Cath Specialist	Via Christi Regional Medical Center St. Francis Campus Wichita, Kansas
2008-2014	Registered Nurse	St. David's Round Rock Medical Center
	Heart Cath Specialist	Round Rock, Texas
2/2014-Present	Unknown	

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with St. David's Round Rock Medical Center, Round Rock, Texas, and had been in that position for four (4) years.
- 7. On or about November 30, 2012, while employed as a Registered Nurse, Heart Cath-Specialist, with St. David's Round Rock Medical Center, Round Rock, Texas, Respondent failed to provide adequate care for Patient Medical Record Number D000451580, in that she:
 - Administered Romazicon, a narcotic reversal medication, without a physician's order;
 - Failed to accurately document the patient's change in respiratory status and the interventions that were instituted to supply respiratory support; and
 - Falsely documented that there were no complications during the procedure and that the patient's neurological status was alert and oriented despite the patient requiring intubation.

Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate medical record and exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to provide further care.

8. On or about February 10, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse, Heart Cath Specialist, with St. David's Round Rock Medical Center, Round Rock, Texas, Respondent exceeded her scope of practice when she repositioned a Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) line using guide wires on Patient Account Number D00023219578. Respondent lacked the credentialing to carry out the procedure. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to risk of harm from ineffective treatment and deprived the patient's physician the opportunity to institute timely medical interventions to stabilize the patient which may have resulted in a delay in the patient's recovery.

- 9. On or about February 10, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse, Heart Cath Specialist, with St. David's Round Rock Medical Center, Round Rock, Texas, Respondent:
 - Failed to give a complete hand off report regarding Patient Account Number D000473482, to the person relieving her for lunch; and
 - Failed to administer a loading dose of Plavix 300mg, as ordered.

Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to risk of harm from inadequate transfer information and anti-coagulation treatment, which could have resulted in a delay in the patient's recovery.

10. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through Nine (9), Respondent states she had the training, experience, and knowledge to reposition a PICC line using guide wires within the standard of care as she had performed the procedure at the direction of her employer, supervisor, and supervising physician on multiple occasions and the procedure was performed properly. Regarding Patient Account Number D000473482, Respondent states she was notified by another nurse that she was being relieved so that she could go to lunch and at that time there were two nurses available to care for the patient. In regard to the Plavix, Respondent states this allegation is inaccurate.

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 \S \S 217.11(1)(A,(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(D),(1)(I),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)&(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 759315, heretofore issued to CHERYL LYNN VIRGIL.

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. <u>A Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics</u> 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.** <u>A Board-approved course in medication administration</u> with a didactic portion of not less than six (6) hours and a clinical component of not less than twenty-four (24) hours. Both the didactic and clinical components be provided by the same Registered Nurse. The course's content shall include: a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes;

computation of drug dosages; the six (6) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. Successful completion of this course requires RESPONDENT to successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course.

- C. <u>A Board-approved course in nursing documentation</u> that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.
- **D.** 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 pre-approved provider. *Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.*

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, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month 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> <u>count towards completion of this requirement.</u> 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. Indirect Supervision: RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- **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.

Signed this 2 day of 12 Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of ______

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Notary Public in and for the State of $\underline{\top X}$

Approved as to form and substance.

Alejandro Mora, Attorney for Respondent Signed this 2nd day of February 20 15

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 2nd day of February, 2015, by CHERYL LYNN VIRGIL, Registered Nurse License Number 759315, and said Order is final.

Effective this 10th day of March, 2015.

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN Executive Director on behalf of said Board