BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of \$
Registered Nurse License Number 734347 \$
issued to RHONDA MAGNON \$



ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 734347, issued to RHONDA MAGNON, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent holds a license to practice nursing in the State of Texas, which is in delinquent status.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Eastern New Mexico University, Roswell, New Mexico, on May 1, 1996. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on October 3, 2006.
- 4. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history is unknown.
- 5. On or about February 5, 2013, while employed with Del Sol Medical Center, El Paso, Texas, Respondent left confidential patient records unattended in a public area. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that the patient's confidential information may have been released with the patient's authorization or consent.

- 6. On or about February 26, 2013, while employed with Del Sol Medical Center, El Paso, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she was observed with the smell of alcohol on her breath and with an unsteady gait when walking. Respondent's conduct could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
- 7. On or about February 26, 2013, while employed with Del Sol Medical Center, El Paso, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of alcohol in that she provided a breath sample for a breathalyzer test that resulted positive for alcohol and produced a Blood Alcohol Concentration result (BAC) of 0.203%. The use of alcohol by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
- 8. Formal Charges were filed on April 14, 2014.
- 9. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on April 15, 2014.
- 10. On April 9, 2015, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated April 8, 2015, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 11. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
- 12. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.

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 § 2 1 7 . 1 1 (1) (A) & (1) (E). and 2 2 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 217.12(1)(B),(1)(C),(4),(5),(10)(A)&(10)(D).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9),(10),(12)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 734347, heretofore issued to RHONDA MAGNON, 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, 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 TAC§§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 734347, heretofore issued to RHONDA MAGNON, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is/are accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice nursing, use the title of registered nurse or the abbreviation RN or wear any insignia identifying herself 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/s is/are surrendered.
- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
- 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.

Effective this 9th day of April, 2015.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

Rhonda Magnon

RN License Number 734347

Voluntary Surrender Statement

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license(s) to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I may not petition for reinstatement until one (1) year from the effective date of the Order. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature Date

Registered Nurse License 734347

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally Rhonda Magnon who, being duly sworn by me, stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that he or she understood same.

Sworn to before me the

8 day of

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Notary Public in and for the State of

