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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of § AGREED  
Vocational Nurse License Number 231116 §  
issued to MEGAN IRENE CARPENTER § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of MEGAN IRENE CARPENTER, Vocational Nurse License Number 231116, 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)&(12), 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 April 22, 2015.

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 is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from the Army Practical Nurse Course, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on September 22, 2010. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 12, 2010.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
6. On or about July 11, 2013, to present, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that she was involuntarily admitted to Poplar Springs Hospital, Petersburg, Virginia. Subsequently, Respondent was diagnosed and treated for a mental health condition that could result in an injury to a patient or the public. Additionally, Respondent was diagnosed and

treated for marijuana abuse. Respondent's condition 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. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states she was involuntarily admitted to Poplar Springs in July 2013, where she was successfully stabilized with medication and released after two (2) weeks. Respondent states since being released she has been stable on medication with no episodes, and completed an inpatient substance abuse rehabilitation program on December 16, 2013, after eighty one (81) days.
8. On or about December 16, 2013, Respondent completed a Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program, with The Department of Veterans Affairs, Maryland Healthcare System Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Program, Perry Point, Maryland.
9. Respondent states September 23, 2013, as her date of sobriety.
10. 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.
11. Charges were filed on October 10, 2013.
12. Charges were mailed to Respondent on October 11, 2013.

#### 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 §217.12(1)(A),(4)&(5).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 231116, heretofore issued to MEGAN IRENE CARPENTER, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.

## TERMS OF ORDER

### I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of **LIMITED LICENSE WITH STIPULATIONS** in accordance with the terms of this Order.

- A. While under the terms of this Order, **RESPONDENT SHALL NOT provide direct patient care.** For the purposes of this Order, direct patient care involves a personal relationship between the nurse and the client, and includes, but is not limited to: teaching, counseling, assessing the client's needs and strengths, and providing skilled nursing care.
- B. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. This Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- D. 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.

### IV. RESTORATION OF PATIENT CARE PRIVILEGE AND/OR UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

SHOULD RESPONDENT desire to provide direct patient care, RESPONDENT SHALL petition the Board for such approval, at which time, the RESPONDENT MUST satisfy all then existing requirements for re-issuance of the privilege to provide direct patient care. Should RESPONDENT desire to submit such a petition to the Board, RESPONDENT SHALL submit with the petition evidence of having successfully completed a Board-approved course in Texas Nursing Jurisprudence and ethics, information about which is available at [www.bon.texas.gov/compliance](http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance). Further, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that must be satisfied by the RESPONDENT before re-issuance of an unencumbered license.

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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 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 28 day of April, 2015.

Megan Irene Carpenter  
MEGAN IRENE CARPENTER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this            day of                                   , 20    .

SEAL

Notary Public in and for the State of                                   

*See attached*

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

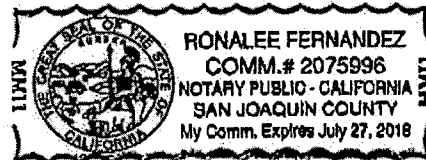
State of California  
County of San Joaquin

On April 28, 2015 before me, Ronalee Fernandez  
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared Megan I. Carpenter  
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person~~(s)~~ whose name~~(s)~~ is/~~are~~  
subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that ~~he~~~~she~~~~they~~ executed the same in  
~~his~~~~her~~~~their~~ authorized capacity~~(ies)~~, and that by ~~his~~~~her~~~~their~~ signature~~(s)~~ on the instrument the  
person~~(s)~~, or the entity upon behalf of which the person~~(s)~~ acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

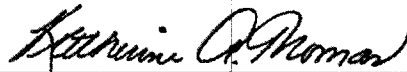
WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Signature Ronalee Fernandez (Seal)

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, by MEGAN IRENE CARPENTER, Vocational Nurse License Number 231116, and said Order is final.

Effective this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.



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