### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of

**AGREED** § §

Vocational Nurse License Number 303109

issued to SUMMER PATRICE TURNER,

ORDER

PETITIONER for Exception

# ORDER GRANTING PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION

On this day, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the "Board", considered Petitioner's Request for Exception filed in the above-styled matter. An Agreed Order of the Board was entered on November 12, 2013, for SUMMER PATRICE TURNER, Vocational Nurse License Number 303109. Petitioner filed a Request for Exception to the Agreed Order on October 9, 2014. After review and due consideration of the Petitioner's request, and pursuant to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §211.7(h), the Executive Director of the Board GRANTS Petitioner's Request for Exception.

#### **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 Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- Petitioner waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry 2. of this Order.
- 3. Petitioner is currently licensed to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- Petitioner received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Navarro College, Waxahachie, 4. Texas, on August 12, 2011. Petitioner was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 22, 2011.

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Executive Director of the Board

5. Petitioner's vocational nursing employment history includes:

09/11 - 02/12

Home Health Nurse

Exceptional Home

Care

Tyler, Texas

03/12 - 07/13

Staff Nurse

Care Now Urgent Care

Center

Unknown

07/13 - unknown

Special Project Coordinator

Care Now Urgent Care

Center

Dallas, Texas, assigned to Dallas Transplant

Institute
Dallas, Texas

- 6. On or about November 12, 2013, Petitioner was issued the sanction of a Limited License by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the Agreed Order, including the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, dated November 12, 2013, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 7. Petitioner has not been permitted to provide direct patient care since November 12, 2013, pursuant to the terms of the Order issued to her by the Board on November 12, 2013. As a result, Petitioner has not been able to adequately demonstrate that her conduct, as described in the Findings of Fact in the Agreed Order dated November 12, 2013, does not continue to pose serious risks to public health and safety.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.455, 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)(T)&(2)(A) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(1)(E),(4)&(5).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10),(12)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 303109, heretofore issued to SUMMER PATRICE TURNER, including revocation of Petitioner's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

#### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification, that Petitioner is subject to the following STIPULATIONS, conditions, and requirements:

- (1) The stipulations, conditions, and requirements specified herein SHALL SUPERCEDE those of any Order previously entered by the Texas Board of Nursing.
- (2) While under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Petitioner to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- (3) This Order SHALL be applicable to Petitioner's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- (4) While Petitioner's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Petitioner may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Petitioner wishes to work.
- (5) Petitioner SHALL 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.

#### IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(6) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. PETITIONER SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in 303109:204

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. PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify PETITIONER'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

(7) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," 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 program, PETITIONER SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, SHOULD PETITIONER PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, PETITIONER WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND PETITIONER MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF

SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWELVE (12) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. 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 STIPULATION PERIOD:

- (8) PETITIONER SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on PETITIONER'S license(s). PETITIONER SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. PETITIONER SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on PETITIONER'S license(s). PETITIONER SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- (9) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- (10) PETITIONER SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse or a Licensed Vocational Nurse who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as PETITIONER, 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 Petitioner is currently working. PETITIONER SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(11) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, periodic reports as to PETITIONER'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Nurse who supervises the PETITIONER. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and Petitioner may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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### PETITIONER'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 alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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 is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and 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 revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 22 day of June, 2015.

SUMMER PATRICE TURNER, Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this Hay of

MELISSA ENTWISTLE
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires
06/01/2018

Notary Public in and for the State of \_

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| WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of   |
| the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the                                       |
| 22nd day of June , 2015, by SUMMER PATRICE TURNER, Vocational Nurse  |
| License Number 303109, and said Order is final.  |
| Effective this 25th day of June, 2015.  Sathum C. Momas  Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN  Executive Director on behalf of said Board |
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### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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In the Matter of

AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 303109 issued to SUMMER PATRICE TURNER

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8 ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of SUMMER PATRICE TURNER, Vocational Nurse License Number 303109, 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)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on August 14, 2013, subject to ratification by the Board.

### 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 representation by counsel, informal proceedings, 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.
- Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Navarro College, Waxahachie, Texas, on August 12, 2011. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 22, 2011.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

9/2011-2/2012

Home Health Nurse

Exceptional Home Care Tyler, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

3/2012-7/2013

Staff Nurse

Care Now Urgent Care Center

Unknown

7/2013 - Present

Special Project Coordinator On Assignment Staffing

On Assignment Staffing Dallas, Texas, assigned to Dallas Transplant Institute

Dallas, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Home Health Nurse with Exceptional Home Care, Tyler, Texas, and had been in this position for three (3) months.

- 7. On or about December 26, 2011, while employed as a Home Health Nurse with Exceptional Home Care, Tyler, Texas, Respondent was observed sleeping while on duty and providing care to nine (9) year old Patient Number 522322617, who had diagnoses that included Cerebral Palsy, chronic lung disease with tracheostomy, seizure disorder, developmental delay and cortical blindness. The patient required continuous care. Respondent's conduct affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and make timely assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
- 8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that the patient was sitting in her wheelchair right next to the couch where the Respondent fell asleep for a few minutes. Respondent states that as soon as she woke up she immediately checked the patient's vital signs, and there were no signs of distress. Respondent adds that this incident occurred during the stressful Christmas holidays, when she had been working fifteen hour days for three days in a row.

## **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)(T)&(2)(A) and 217.12(1)(B),(1)(E),(4)&(5).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10),(12)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 303109, heretofore issued to SUMMER PATRICE TURNER, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a LIMITED LICENSE, and RESPONDENT SHALL 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.

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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

# IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

- (1) 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.
- (2) SHOULD RESPONDENT desire to return to a clinical practice setting, which would require her 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. Further, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that must be satisfied by the RESPONDENT before re-issuance of an unencumbered license.

# 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 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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 is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and 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 revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 12th day of September 2013.

Summer Patrice Turner, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of September, 2013.

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Notary Public
STATE OF TEXAS
My Comm. Exp. Oct 4, 2016

Notary Public in and for the State of Texa S

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 12th day of September, 2013, by SUMMER PATRICE TURNER, Vocational Nurse License Number 303109, and said Order is final.

Effective this 12th day of November, 2013.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board