IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT VOCATIONAL NURSE LICENSE NUMBER 187815 ISSUED TO KRISTI ANN JONES, RESPONDENT

\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ELIGIBILITY AND

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO:

Kristi Ann Jones 3029 Catalina Dr

San Angelo, Texas 76901

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on August 11, 2015, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order

Executive Director of the Boar

will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 Tex. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 187815, previously issued to KRISTI ANN JONES, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

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

Entered this 11th day of August, 2015.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment:

Formal Charge filed.

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Re: Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 187815
Issued to KRISTI ANN JONES
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 12th day of Avoyst _____, 20_6, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

Kristi Ann Jones 3029 Catalina Dr San Angelo, Texas 76901

Via USPS First Class Mail

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Vocational Nurse	§	
License Number 187815	§	
Issued to KRISTI ANN JONES,	§	
Respondent	§	BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, KRISTI ANN JONES, is a Vocational Nurse holding License Number 187815, which is in current status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about November 5, 2013, through February 8, 2014, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Kinder Hearts Home Health, LLC, Abilene, Texas, and assigned to provide skilled nursing for Patient Medical Record Number 501010100171, Respondent falsified the signature of the patient's mother on the Pediatric Skilled Nursing Care 24 hour Flowsheet forms and/or Service Delivery Log with Written Narrative/Written Summary forms. Respondent's conduct created an inaccurate medical record and was likely to defraud and deceive the facility of money paid to the Respondent for hours not actually worked.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE $\S 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)\&(1)(D)$, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE $\S 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(4),(6)(A)\&(6)(H)$.

CHARGE II.

On or about December 11, 2013, through January 25, 2014, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Kinder Hearts Home Health, LLC, Abilene, Texas, and assigned to provide skilled nursing for Patient Medical Record Number 501010100171, Respondent falsely documented in the patient's Pediatric Skilled Nursing Care 24 hour Flowsheet forms and/or Service Delivery Log with Written Narrative/Written Summary forms that she provided care to the patient, in that the patient was actually being cared for by another nurse. Respondent's conduct was deceptive, and was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation for further care.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(D), and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE

CHARGE III.

On or about February 2, 2014, through February 8, 2014, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Kinder Hearts Home Health, LLC, Abilene, Texas, and assigned to provide skilled nursing for Patient Medical Record Number 501010100171, Respondent falsely documented in the patient's Pediatric Skilled Nursing Care 24 hour Flowsheet forms and/or Service Delivery Log with Written Narrative/Written Summary forms that she provided care to the patient, in that the patient was actually out of town. Respondent's conduct was deceptive, created an inaccurate medical record, and was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation for further care.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(D), and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(4),(6)(A),(6)(H)&(10)(B).

CHARGE IV.

On or about November 5, 2013, through February 8, 2014, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Kinder Hearts Home Health, LLC, Abilene, Texas, and assigned to provide skilled nursing for Patient Medical Record Number 501010100171, Respondent misappropriated monies belonging to the patient, in that she submitted Pediatric Skilled Nursing Care 24 hour Flowsheet forms and Service Delivery Log with Written Narrative/Written Summary forms for overlapping periods of time. Respondent's conduct created an inaccurate medical record, was likely to defraud and deceive the facility of money paid to the Respondent for hours not actually worked.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(D), and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(4),(6)(A),(6)(G)&(6)(H).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely

on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Lying and Falsification, and for Fraud, Theft and Deception, which can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order(s) which is/are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Order dated April 29, 2014.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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Attachments: Order of the Board dated April 29, 2014.

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BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of Vocational Nurse License Number 187815 issued to KRISTI ANN JONES AGREED

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of KRISTI ANN JONES, Vocational Nurse License Number 187815, 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)(2),(3)&(10), 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 January 14, 2014.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 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.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Texas State Technical College, Sweetwater, Texas, on August 16, 2002. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on January 31, 2003.
- 5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about September 29, 2005, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document Licensed Vocational Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question:

"Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrest (excluding minor traffic violations) since the last renewal? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without prejudice of guilt. Please note that DUI's, DWI's, PI's must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. (One time minor in possession {MIP} or minor in consumption {MIC} do not need to be disclosed, therefore, you may answer "No". If you have two or more MIP's or MIC's, you must answer "Yes".)"

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about October 29, 2003, Respondent entered a plea of No Contest to THEFT (CHECKS - INSUFFICIENT), a Class B misdemeanor offense, committed on May 17, 2002, in the County Court at Law of Tom Green County, Texas, under Cause No. 0202515. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of ninety (90) days.

- On or about October 14, 2007, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document Licensed Vocational Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:
 - A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
 - B. been convicted of a felony?
 - C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
 - D. received deferred adjudication?
 - E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
 - F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
 - G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
 - H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
 - I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
 - J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?"

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about June 20, 2007, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of ISSUANCE OF A BAD CHECK, a Class C misdemeanor offense committed on March 9, 2007, in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, under Cause No. 074232.

- 8. On or about October 26, 2009, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document Licensed Vocational Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal: "For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:
 - A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
 - B. been convicted of a felony?
 - C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
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 - F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
 - G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
 - H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
 - I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
 - J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?"

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about March 24, 2008, Respondent entered a plea of No Contest to and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense, in the County Court at Law, Tom Green County, Texas, under Cause No. 0800365. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Tom Green County Jail for a period of ninety (90) days; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year.

- 9. In response to Findings of Fact Number Six (6) through Eight (8), Respondent states she is not sure why she did not disclose her charges.
- 10. Formal Charges were filed on June 3, 2013.
- 11. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on June 13, 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(6)(I)&(13).

The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(2),(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 187815, heretofore issued to KRISTI ANN JONES, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a REMEDIAL EDUCATION AND A FINE, 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, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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 State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is <u>not</u> 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 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. RESPONDENT 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 RESPONDENT'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: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(2) RESPONDENT 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, RESPONDENT 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: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that 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.

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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 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 when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become offective, 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 10 day of April 2014. KRISTI ANN JONES, Respondent	
Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of, 20		
SEAL	Notary Public in and for the State of	

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 16th day of April, 2014, by KRISTI ANN JONES, Vocational Nurse License Number 187815, and said Order is final.

Effective this 29th day of April, 2014.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf of said Board