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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 Advanced Practice Registered	§	Agreed
Nurse License Number AP119613 with	§	
Prescription Authorization Number 10746 and	§	
Registered Nurse License Number 716395,	§	
issued to TARANA KASIDNA WARFIELD	§	Order

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of TARANA KASIDNA WARFIELD, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP119613 , with Prescription Authorization Number 10746, and Registered Nurse License Number 716395, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Sections 301.452(b)(10)&(13) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on November 20, 2014, 2014, 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 informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas and is currently Board authorized to practice as a Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (Family Nurse Practitioner) with Prescriptive Authority in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Prairie View A&M College, Houston, Texas, on May 7, 2005. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 14, 2005. Respondent completed a post-graduate Family Nurse

Practitioner Program at Prairie View A&M College, Houston, Texas, on May 14, 2010. Respondent was recognized as a Family Nurse Practitioner in the State of Texas on October 25, 2010, and was granted Prescriptive Authorization in the State of Texas on October 25, 2010.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

07/05-2010	Unknown	
2010-2011	FNP	Hour Clinic Houston, Texas
2011	FNP	Northwest Internal Medicine Houston, Texas
2011	FNP	Motherland Health Clinic Houston, Texas
2011	FNP	Tejas Urgent Care Clinic Houston, Texas
2011	FNP	X-Pert Wellness Clinic Houston, Texas
2011	FNP	Integrative Wellness Clinic Houston, Texas
2012	FNP	Katy Freeway Wellness Houston, Texas
2012	FNP	Mid Town Medical Clinic Houston, Texas
2012	FNP	AVC Wellness Center Houston, Texas
2012	FNP	Houston Community College Houston, Texas
2013-2014	FNP	Oroki Family Health Care Clinic Houston, Texas
2014-Present	Clinic Faculty	University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston, Texas

2015-Present

FNP

Centra Clinic  
Houston, Texas

6. On or about January 3, 2012, through on or about November 1, 2012, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner, Respondent's practice fell below the minimum standards of nursing practice in that she engaged in non-therapeutic prescribing practices. Respondent issued multiple prescriptions for controlled substances for fifteen (15) patients without conducting proper patient assessments to justify the prescribing of the controlled substances. Respondent also failed to sufficiently document in the patients' medical records regarding individualized treatment plans, periodic reviews of treatment and referrals prior to prescribing medications utilized in the treatment of the patients. The prescribing of combinations of controlled substances in unsupported quantities creates risks to patients that outweigh any therapeutic benefit.

#### 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)(c), (4)(A) & (4)(B), 217.12(1)(A), (1)(B), (1)(C), and (4), 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Chapters 221 and 222, including: §§ 221.3, 221.12, 221.13(a)&(d), 222.2, 222.4(a), 222.6(b)&(c) and 222.12 (eff. 2/1/2010).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10) & (13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP119613, with Prescription Authorization Number 10746, and Registered Nurse License Number 716395, heretofore issued to TARANA KASIDNA WARFIELD, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

#### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that Prescription Authorization Number 10746, heretofore issued to TARANA KASIDNA WARFIELD, is **LIMITED** by the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this limitation, the Board imposes the following conditions:

(1) RESPONDENT's Prescription Authorization Number 10746, heretofore issued to TARANA KASIDNA WARFIELD, is **LIMITED** by the Texas Board of Nursing as follows:

- (a) As of the effective date of this Order, RESPONDENT is no longer authorized by the Board to prescribe any controlled substances under Prescription Authorization Number 10746, and SHALL NOT prescribe or order any controlled substances.
- (b) RESPONDENT shall not petition the Board for the authority to prescribe controlled substances until RESPONDENT has successfully completed all of the terms and requirements of this Order.
- (c) RESPONDENT shall surrender all DEA Controlled Substances Registration Certificate(s) and DPS Controlled Substances Registration Certificate(s) on the effective date of this Order. Respondent shall not re-register or otherwise obtain a DEA Controlled Substances Registration Certificate(s) or DPS Controlled Substances Registration Certificate(s) until Respondent has petitioned the Board for the authority to prescribe controlled substances and has received such written authorization from the Board.
- (d) RESPONDENT shall not petition the Board for permission to re-register or obtain a DEA Controlled Substances Registration Certificate(s) or DPS Controlled Substances Registration Certificate(s) until RESPONDENT has successfully completed all of the terms and requirements of this Order.
- (e) Upon petitioning for reinstatement of RESPONDENT'S authority to prescribe controlled substances, RESPONDENT SHALL have completed the terms of this Order and satisfy all then existing requirements, including completion of ten (10) hours of continuing education approved by the Board that relates to diagnosis and treatment of chronic pain. The topics covered by such CE must include: risk assessment, urine drug testing, addictions, evidence based conservative treatment options, care of patients with mental health co-morbidities and accidental lethal drug overdose. These continuing education requirements are in addition to the remedial education requirements included in the probation stipulations outlined below. Further, the Board may impose additional restrictions or stipulations to accompany the re-issuance of the RESPONDENT'S authority to prescribe controlled substances, as deemed appropriate and necessary by the Board.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP119613 and Registered Nurse License Number 716395, previously issued to TARANA KASIDNA WARFIELD, to practice nursing in Texas are hereby SUSPENDED for a period of two (2) years, with the suspension STAYED, and Respondent is hereby placed on PROBATION for a period of two (2) years with the following agreed terms of probation:

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 the 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.

(2) 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.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the 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 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 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>.*

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the 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>.*

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a Board-approved academic course in advanced practice physical assessment of at least

three (3) semester credit hours, including not less than one (1) semester credit hour, or three (3) clock hours per week, of clinical practicum with a minimum passing grade of not less than "C" or "Pass" if using a "Pass/Fail" grading system. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Instruction SHALL BE provided by an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. RESPONDENT SHALL perform physical assessments on live patients in the clinical practicum component; performing assessments on mock patients or mannequins WILL NOT be accepted. 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. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance>.*

(6) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within three hundred and sixty-five (365) days of the 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, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT MUST PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE AS AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR TWO (2) YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL**

**BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE (APRN) LICENSE WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:**

(7) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing of this Order of the Board and the probation conditions on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT 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, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers, practice sites and/or credentialing agencies in nursing of this Order of the Board and the probation conditions on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order to each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing prior to accepting an offer of employment and/or assignment.

(8) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.

(9) RESPONDENT'S advanced practice registered nursing must be monitored at Respondent's expense by a Physician who has been approved by the Board. The



supervising/monitoring Physician, who has been approved by the Board, must be actively practicing in the same practice area as Respondent, and must have an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of Texas. Such Physician may be in addition to and independent of any delegating Physician. RESPONDENT MUST, within ten (10) days of entry of this Order or within (10) days of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse, provide to the Board a list of three (3) Physicians from which the Board shall select an approved monitor. For each Advanced Practice Physician, the list must include name, license number or social security number, educational background and professional employment history. Monitoring shall commence no later than thirty (30) days following the date of Respondent's receipt of the name of the approved monitor selected by the Board. The monitor will offer guidance, advice and assistance to the RESPONDENT as necessary to ensure that deficiencies such as those set forth in this Order do not reoccur. RESPONDENT SHALL meet with the monitor at least twice a month, at least one (1) hour duration each. Meetings may be longer and more frequent if the monitor determines necessary. Multiple employers are prohibited. At a minimum, at each monthly meeting, the Physician monitor will review at least twenty-five percent (25%) of Respondent's charts.

(10) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each supervising/monitoring Physician 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 Physician who supervises/monitors the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising/monitoring Physician to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for eight (8) quarters [two (2) years] of employment as a nurse.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, and ORDERED that if during the period of probation,

an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against the Respondent's license(s), and a majority of the Board or a three-member committee of board members designated by the Board determines that Respondent has failed to comply with the terms of this Order after considering evidence of noncompliance, Respondent's APRN and RN license SHALL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED pursuant to Section 301.455, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent agrees that noncompliance with this Order, as determined by a majority of the Board or a three-member committee of the board members designated by the Board, constitutes a continuing and imminent threat to the public welfare necessary to establish probable cause for temporary suspension. Further, Respondent specifically waives the right to the preliminary hearing that Section 301.455 provides be held not later than the 17<sup>th</sup> day after the date of the temporary suspension. Respondent also waives any and all rights of appeal of the TEMPORARY SUSPENSION. Respondent shall be notified of any TEMPORARY SUSPENSION by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Respondent's last known address on file with the Board. If Respondent's license is suspended on such a basis, the suspension shall remain in effect until such time as Respondent can show compliance with the terms of this order and/or until the Board takes further/additional action.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that if during the period of probation, an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against the Respondent's license(s), the probationary period shall not expire and shall automatically be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

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 professional 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 accept the terms and 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.

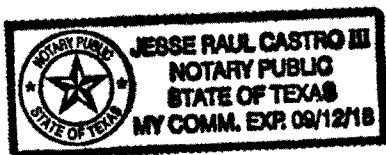
Signed this 26 day of JUNE, 2015.

Tarana K. Warfield

TARANA KASIDNA WARFIELD, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

SEAL



Jesse R. Castro III

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

Don E. Lewis

Don E. Lewis, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 2 day of July, 2015.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 26th day of June, 2015, by TARANA KASIDNA WARFIELD, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP119613, with Prescription Authorization Number 10746, and Registered Nurse License Number 716395, and said Order is final.

Effective this 11th day of August, 2015.



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