BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse

License Number 216162

issued to JOSHUA DANIEL ROBERTSON

REINSTATEMENT

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HUA DANIEL ROBERTSON S AGREED ORDER

On this day came to be considered by the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter refused to the Petition for Reinstatement of Vocational Nurse License Number as the Board, the Petition for Reinstatement of Vocational Nurse License Number 216162, held by JC DANIEL ROBERTSON, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

An informal conference was held on July 7, 2015, at the office of the Texas Board of Nursing, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code.

Petitioner appeared in person. Petitioner was notified of his right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel. In attendance were Kristin Benton, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing, Executive Director's Designee; John R. Griffith, Assistant General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ, Director, Enforcement Division; and Diane E. Burell, Compliance Supervisor.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Prior to institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings 1. 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 of this 2. Order.
- Petitioner received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Howard College, San Angelo, Texas, 3. on May 10, 2008. Petitioner was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on June 10, 2008.
- Petitioner's nursing employment history includes: 4.

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Staff Nurse/ADO

Cedar Manor

San Angelo, Texas

2/12 - present

Not employed in nursing

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- 5. On January 12, 2012, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of Petitioner's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas. A copy of the January 12, 2012, Agreed Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as a part of this Order.
- 6. On or about February 3, 2015, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of License to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 7. Petitioner presented the following in support of his petition:
 - 7.1. Order, dated January 21, 2015, terminating Deferred Adjudication for Cause Number C11-0045-SA.
 - 7.2. Discharge Summary from Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counsel for the Concho Valley reflecting Petitioner was admitted on November 2, 2010, for Opioid Dependence and discharged January 12, 2011.
 - 7.3. Letter of support, from Barbara Duncan, LVN, Frisco, Texas, stating she has known Petitioner for eight (8) years both personally and professionally. They were classmates in nursing school and she found him to be smart and compassionate. She also had the opportunity to work with Petitioner and he showed himself to be driven and would do anything he could for his patients. Ms. Duncan continues that Petitioner leads by example and is reliable and dedicated. Petitioner also became Ms. Duncan's supervisor and mentor.
 - 7.4. Letter of support, dated February 1, 2015, from Brandon Asbill, Completions Operator I, Approach Resources Inc., Ozona, Texas, stating he has had the opportunity and privilege to work with Petitioner for over a year. Petitioner is responsible and takes on all assignments with enthusiasm and dedication. Petitioner has been positive, honest and unafraid to jump in and help when needed.
 - 7.5. Letter of support, dated January 30, 2015, from Jason Irvin, Bosque Systems, stating Petitioner is currently employed with Bosque Systems and has been since January 2014. Petitioner has become a valuable asset to the team and is a highly motivated, hard worker. Petitioner is on time and has given 110% as a team player. Petitioner has worked from EC Tech to a CAT Tech and currently holds the position of Lead Tech.
 - 7.6. Letter of support, from David Sorrells, Dionix Supervisor, Bosque Systems, stating he has been working with Petitioner for approximately a year. He believes Petitioner's work ethic and dedication is truly awe inspiring. Petitioner has impeccable timing and excellent "on time" record. Mr. Sorrell's continues that the amount of hours they work and lack of sleep they get would really discourage most people, but Petitioner always gives his best in everything he does and it shows through his work.
 - 7.7. Support group attendance dating from October 29, 2014, through February 2, 2015.
 - 7.8. Documentation of the required continuing education contact hours.

8. Petitioner gives November 2, 2010, as his date of sobriety.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Pursuant to Section 301.467, Texas Occupations Code, the Board may refuse to issue or renew a license, and may set a reasonable period that must lapse before reapplication. Pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that a Petitioner must satisfy before reissuance of an unrestricted license.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that the petition of JOSHUA DANIEL ROBERTSON, Vocational Nurse License Number 216162, to practice nursing in the state of Texas, be and the same is hereby GRANTED, AND SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS SO LONG AS THE PETITIONER complies 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 the stipulations contained in 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 Petitioner to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that 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 State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Petitioner wishes to work.

- (1) PETITIONER SHALL pay all re-registration fees and be issued a license to practice nursing in the State of Texas, which shall bear the appropriate notation. Said licenses issued to JOSHUA DANIEL ROBERTSON, shall be subject to the following agreed post-licensure stipulations:
- (2) PETITIONER SHALL pay a monitoring fee in the amount of three hundred and fifty (\$350.00) dollars. PETITIONER SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of relicensure. 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.
- 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 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:

http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

(4) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of relicensure, 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:* http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD PETITIONER CHOOSE TO WORK AS A NURSE IN TEXAS, PETITIONER WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROBATION CONDITIONS FOR THREE (3) YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE PROBATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH THIRTY-SIX (36) 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:

(5) 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.

- (6) 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.
- (7) For the first year of employment as a Nurse under this Order, PETITIONER SHALL be directly supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Direct supervision requires another nurse, as applicable, to be working on the same unit as PETITIONER and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. PETITIONER SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). The 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.
- (8) For the remainder of the stipulation period, PETITIONER SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as 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).

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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.

- (9) PETITIONER SHALL NOT practice as a nurse on the night shift, rotate shifts, work overtime, accept on-call assignments, or be used for coverage on any unit other than the identified, predetermined unit(s) to which PETITIONER is regularly assigned for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.
- (10) PETITIONER SHALL NOT practice as a nurse in any critical care area for one (1) year of employment as a nurse. Critical care areas include, but are not limited to, intensive care units, emergency rooms, operating rooms, telemetry units, recovery rooms, and labor and delivery units.
- (11) PETITIONER SHALL NOT administer or have any contact with controlled substances, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, Propofol, or other synthetic opiates for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.
- (12) 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 three (3) year(s) of employment as a nurse.
- (13) PETITIONER SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed, PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the licensed practitioner to submit a written report identifying the medication, dosage and the date the medication was prescribed. The report shall be submitted directly to the office of the Board by the prescribing practitioner,

within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription. In the event that prescriptions for controlled substances are required for periods of two (2) weeks or longer, the Board may require and PETITIONER SHALL submit to a pain management and/or chemical dependency evaluation by a Board approved evaluator. The performing evaluator must submit a written report meeting the Board's requirements to the Board's office within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.

tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol. For the first three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per week. For the next three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month. For the next six (6) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per month. For the remainder of the stipulation period, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) months. All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Screens obtained through urinalysis are the sole method accepted by the Board.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances:

Amphetamines	Meperidine
Barbiturates	Methadone
Benzodiazepines	Methaqualone
Cannabinoids	Opiates
Cocaine	Phencyclidine
Ethanol	Propoxyphene
tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)	

A Board representative may appear at the PETITIONER'S place of employment at any time during the stipulation period and require PETITIONER to produce a specimen for screening.

All screens shall be properly monitored and produced in accordance with the Board's policy on Random Drug Testing. A complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each specimen obtained and analyzed. PETITIONER SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the stipulation period.

Any positive result for which the nurse does not have a valid prescription or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen may subject the nurse to further disciplinary action, including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of PETITIONER's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas. Further, failure to report for a drug screen, excessive dilute specimens, or failure to call in for a drug screen may be considered the same as a positive result or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen.

of which must be for substance abuse and provided by Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, or another comparable recovery program that has been pre-approved by the Board. PETITIONER SHALL provide acceptable evidence of attendance. Acceptable evidence shall consist of a written record of at least: the date of each meeting; the name of each group attended; and the signature and printed name of the chairperson of each group attended by PETITIONER. PETITIONER SHALL submit the required evidence on the forms provided by the Board at the end of every three (3) month period. No duplications, copies, third party signatures, or any other substitutions will be accepted as evidence.

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 Reinstatement Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Petition for Reinstatement of Licensure, has been in conformity with the Board's professional character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past behavior in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of convictions, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

I have reviewed this Order. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact. Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order. 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 agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to reinstating my license to practice vocational nursing in the state of Texas. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas will be revoked, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 3 day of August, 2018.

JOSHUA DANIEL ROBERTSON, Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of Lugues

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Reinstatement Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>3rd</u> day of <u>August</u>, 2015, by JOSHUA DANIEL ROBERTSON, Vocational Nurse License Number 216162, and said Order is final.

Effective this 8th day of September, 2015.

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BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse

AGREED

License Number 216162

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issued to JOSHUA DANIEL ROBERTSON

ORDER

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 216162, issued to JOSHUA DANIEL ROBERTSON, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was provided to 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Howard College-San Angelo, San Angelo, Texas, on May 10, 2008. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on June 10, 2008.
- 5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about July 25, 2011, Respondent plead guilty to "Manufacture/Delivery of a Controlled Substance PG 1 >= 4g < 200g," a First Degree Felony (committed on September 11, 2010), in the 340th Judicial District Court of Tome Green County, Texas, under Cause Number C11-0045-SA. An adjudication of guilt was deferred, and Respondent was placed on community supervision for a period of ten (10) years.

- 7. Respondent, by his signature to this Order, expresses his desire to voluntarily surrender his licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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 of Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B)&(13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.453(a), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 216162, heretofore issued to JOSHUA DANIEL ROBERTSON, including revocation of Respondent's license 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, as amended, 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 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

<u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Vocational Nurse License Number 216162, heretofore issued to JOSHUA

DANIEL ROBERTSON, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying himself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during the period in which the license is 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.
- 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.

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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 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 becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this Luk day of January 2012.

JOSHUA DANIEL ROBERTSON, Respondent

Swom to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January 20 12

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Approved as to form and substance,

JUSTAN S. MOCK, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this _____ day of ______ 2012

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 216162, previously issued to JOSHUA DANIEL ROBERTSON.



Effective this 12th day of January, 20 12.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board