BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of \$ AGREED Registered Nurse License Number 618007 \$ & Vocational Nurse License Number 147379 \$ issued to JESSICA L CHORNEY-WILSON \$ ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JESSICA L CHORNEY-WILSON, Registered Nurse License Number 618007 and Vocational Nurse License Number 147379, 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)&(13), 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 July 15, 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's license to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in inactive status. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Odessa College, Odessa, Texas, on May 10, 1994, and received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Odessa College, Odessa, Texas, on May 1, 1995. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on June 27, 1994, and was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 27, 1995.

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5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

05/94 - 05/95 LVN Medical Center Hospital Odessa, Texas
05/95 - 12/14 RN Medical Center Hospital

Odessa, Texas

01/15 - Present

Unknown

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as Coordinator of Bariatric Services, and had been in that position for nine (9) years and six (6) months.
- On or about October 13, 2014, through December 12, 2014, while employed as a Coordinator of Bariatric Services-Registered Nurse with Medical Center Hospital, Odessa, Texas, Respondent violated the professional boundaries of the nurse/client relationship in that she initiated a romantic and sexual relationship with Patient 000195434. Additionally, Respondent disclosed confidential information provided by the wife of Patient 000195434 in that Respondent discussed the information with Patient 000195434. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that it could have resulted in confusion between the needs of the nurse and those of the patient. In addition, Respondent's conduct may have caused delayed distress for the patient, which may not be recognized or felt by the patient until harmful consequences occur.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent admits she and Patient 000195434 began a relationship in November 2014, and states she has had no contact with Patient 000195434 since December 2014. Respondent states she is sorry it occurred and nothing like this has ever happened before and never will again.

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)(J), and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(A),(1)(B), (4),(6)(D)&(6)(E).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number

- 618007, and Vocational Nurse License Number 147379, heretofore issued to JESSICA L CHORNEY-WILSON, 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, <u>RESPONDENT SHALL NOT</u> <u>provide direct patient care</u>. 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.

III. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) within one (1) year of entry of this Order:

A Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics that 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. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.

In order to receive credit for completion of this/these course(s), RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form or SHALL submit the continuing education certificate, as applicable, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office. RESPONDENT SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is not being offered by a preapproved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.

IV. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) 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.

V. 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. Further, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that must be satisfied by the RESPONDENT before re-issuance of an unencumbered license, which, at a minimum, shall include the remedial education courses, work restrictions, supervised practice, and/or employer reporting which would have been requirements of this Order had the license(s) not been placed in limited status.

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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(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.

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Approved as to form and substance.

Taralynn Markay, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 14th day of Soptember 2015.

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 14th day of September, 20_15, by JESSICA L CHORNEY-WILSON, Registered Nurse License Number 618007 and Vocational Nurse License Number 147379, and said Order is final.

Effective this 22nd day of October , 20 15.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board